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Showers A'Comin'?

Dr. Knowlton, professor of physics at Reed college, ventures the prediction that Oregon is in for a wet cycle of years. An authentic scientist, who lately received national honors for the high quality of his teaching, Dr. Knowlton bases his prophecy on a study of tree rings, the thickness of which is closely related to the amount of rainfall in a given year, and on other data. He cites past cycles of greater or less rainfall and concludes that for the next several years the "wets" will have it.

Variability of rainfall is proven by measure now and verified by other known facts. Goose lake, down in the Lakeview country, is a good example of the extreme range of precipitation. Within the period of the white man in the northwest its bed has been exposed so that immigrant trains could drive across it, and later so full of water that steamboats ran on it.

In Harney county there was plenty of precipitation to support dry farming around 1910, and valleys like Surprise valley and Catlow valley were homesteaded and the land ploughed and planted to grain. Came a dry cycle and the lands were abandoned. Now the land is given over to sagebrush, with a few wrecks of homesteaders' shacks dotting the wide expanse.

In the 1930s we had a succession of years of low precipitation, but the 1940s reversed the cycle and rainfall has been sbundant for crops on semi-arid lands. The variability however tion, but the 1940s reversed the cycle and rainfall has been has not been reduced to any pattern, nothing like the biblical seven fat years and seven lean. We can draw lines on a sheet of graph paper to show past records, but we are quite unable, with assurance, to say whether the line for next year's rainfall will go up or down. Even Dr. Knowlton admits his prediction is only only a refined guess. The one thing we know is the range of precipitation and temperature since the records have been kept; and since they have been kept for quite a spell of years now we naturally anticipate that next year's weather will fall ed up by the state unemployment within the extremes of the past. Frequently our weather records are broken, new extremes are noted; but as a general rule the report reads that the rainfall or thermometer reading broke all ployment service on Jan. 1, 1948, records since a given year. Even when all past records are broken the deviation is usually small. Long range weather forecasting is still far from being on

a safe scientific basis. Even short range forecasts are not too department of agriculture in 1944, reliable. It didn't rain Thanksgiving day, did it?

Permanent Pattern for Timberlands

Last July the department of the interior held hearings in Oregon on its plan to set up master units for logging of lands Salem employment service office, held in the old O & C land grant. This was to comply with the terms of the 1937 act which prescribed that lands should be ad- when the new activity is inteministered on the basis of a sustained yield of timber. The testi- grated into his staff. mony received at the hearing was passed on to Washington. Now Secretary Krug of the interior department has approved the placement activities in the various Il master units and the related marketing areas. Previously the be directed by Joseph Wilson, working out of the Salem head-

Judging by the news account no change was made by the quarters under Earl Lovell, disecretary as to boundaries of units or of marketing areas. Linn Taking Training Course county had protested inclusion of towns west of the Willamette Wilson left Thursday for Wash-river in the marketing area for the Santiam unit, but they are ington, D. C., where he is underretained. Likewise towns on the east side are included in the going a two weeks training course marketing area of Alsea-Rickreall unit. The Statesman argued strongly in favor of the broader area for marketing of logs, and so is gratified that no reduction was ordered.

The real competition will start now as the bureau of land management starts to parcel out the tracts among loggers and millowners. The plan is that established mills or logging concerns or timberland owners with adjacent holdings of timber commission spokesman said. land will be allotted commensurable acreage of O & C lands so they can put their operations on a sustained yield basis. Timber will not longer be sold on bids. Instead the cooperating pri- cials, the spokesman said, to deny vate concern will get the timber, paying for it on the basis of unemployment compensation bencurrent appraisals. The land will remain government land, de- efits to those suited for farm work voted permanently to timber raising.

It is easy to see how much concerned the companies and suited for farm work will not individuals now operating on or adjacent to O & C lands are be required to accept. over the alletments which will soon be made. To be in position To Receive Fund to call for an O & C allotment some companies are said to have farm placement, the state embeen purchasing logged off lands which they can submit as ployment service will receive an their part of a cutting circle. The prospect is that the "nomad" extra \$25,000 from the U. S. emlogger will lose out, just as did the nomad shepherd when the ployment service to be used dur-

Taylor grazing act went into effect. It will be the job of the interior department staff to study their problem from the standpoint of land use over the long portation costs of importation of term, tieing together public lands, state and private lands as nearly as possible in natural economic units. Out of this apportionment will develop a reasonably permanent pattern for tim- and also expenses of housing forberland control and management in large areas of western Ore- eign and migrant workers. gon. The plan does not affect the federal forest service lands, except as tracts may be included in given areas; nor does it affect private lands whose owners do not elect to enter the workers into communities which cooperative plan. The forest service however, is working out need them, the commission represimilar arrangements for handling its lands.

Within a few years we shall witness a stabilization of the whole timber economy in Oregon, the private lands coming into the hands of large corporate interests or else being woven into the sustained yield program with publicly owned timberlands.

New Liquor Commission

It can scarcely be said that the composition of the new state Set for Dec. 5 liquor commission is outstanding. Harry Boivin, Klamath Falls attorney, is the only one with statewide reputation. Names of the others carry little significance. The cue to the type of administration they will give is merely that it will be different from that of its predecessor, though in what direction is not made YMCA to receive training in the clear by the govenor's statement.

Gov. Hall merely states that his summary call for a new commission was based not on personal grounds but because he disagreed with the commission's policy. He does not specify what the basis of the disagreement is, so the state must await the Marion county home extenthe operations of the new body to get a line on what the change sion committee. means. Boivin, a personal and political friend of Hall's, will call

What will be observed is whether the new commission holds licensees under tight rein or whether it leaves enforcement largely will be held January 30 and leadup to local police forces, notoriously indifferent to liquor law ers from the other 16 units will violations.

Christmas by the Forelock

All hail the jolly Yuletide season! Trim the tree and hang of four main dishes. Lunch will the holly!

Santa's busy helpers started in early this year, before the first frost is on the pumpkin and the corn is in the shuck. Bustling around, cheeks all a glow, rubbing their chubby hands, the clude Mrs. Richard Chittenden, little elves have been carting wee gifties out of St. Nick's arctic workshops and piling them high on store counters all over Salem.

The gift wares and decoration have been on sale for so long that shoppers feel guilty if they haven't begun to stock ber 5 meeting are West Woodup way before Thanksgiving. The threat of being left outside burn, Stayton, Gates, East Salem, looking in when Santa comes hangs heavy over their heads.

Probably some individuals will wake up one morning (De-

sember 25) and suddenly realize: "Well, for heaven's sake, it's Christmas!"

... But then, maybe they won't. Maybe they'll wake up and of the mercury mined in the start wondering what the Easter bunny will bring next year.



"Stop bragging about our wonderful child to everyone you meet, Otis, they either have one of their own or they haven't any!"

For Return of abor Office

Arrangements are being speedcompensation commission officials for return of the farm labor employment offices to the state em-

commission officials said last week. The Marion county farm labor office in Salem, set up as an independent agency under the federal will be moved from its present quarters at 361 Chemeketa st. to the local office of the state employment service, 710 Ferry st. William Baillie, manager of the will automatically assume local

On the state-wide level, farm

control of farm labor placements

farm placement work. Although farm placements will be handled the year around at the Salem office, plans now in formation call for part-time estab-lishment of sub-offices in various communities in the county during certain harvest seasons only, a

Utilization of local job seekers will be stressed. It is also contemplated by employment offiwho refuse farm labor jobs. However, it was indicated, those not

To carry on its added work of ing the first six months of 1948. it was reported.

These funds do not cover transforeign workers, as was done during the war. Employers or local groups will have to bear this cos

The state employment service will, however, continue to facilitate the movement of migrant sentative said. Local and national farm labor advisory councils also will be established.

One Dish Meals Leader Meeting

Project leaders from 18 of Marion county's 29 home extension units will meet Friday, December at 10:15 a.m. at the Salem project "One Dish Meals." Eleanor Trindle, Marion county home demonstration agent, will present the demonstration and will be assisted by Mrs. Ralph Mercer of

Leaders trained at this meeting will return to their own units and present the demonstration in January. A similar training meeting

present the project for their units in February. Training meeting will include menu planning discussion and the

be served the leaders who attend. Members of Marion county's home extension committee will be hostesses for this affair and in-Mrs. Frank Way and Mrs. Ralph

Thirteen home extension units to be represented at the Decem-Roberts, Liberty, Marion, Four Corners, Hubbard, Silverton, Lancaster, Thomas and Silverton

California produces 69 per cent

Cherrians to **Meet at Dinner**

Election of new Salem Cherrians icut. Already officers and completion of plans they have outfor the annual January banquet spokenly critiare slated by the Cherrians for cized what they Tuesday's dinner meeting at the regard as Taft's Golden Pheasant, the year's final session. Decision is expected on entry of a float in the 1948 Portland Rose festival, possibly one financed in connection with the Salem Cherryland Festival association, to be used also in the lo-

cal celebration. King Bing William C. Dyer said report of the nominating committee will be followed by floor nominations and the election. The new King Bing automatically becomes a director of Salem Chamber of Commerce and the festival association.

Plans for the January banquet, installation and initiation are in charge of Harry Weinstein.

School Fund Distributed

Distribution of the first half of ing \$1,594,560, to the 36 Oregon positive price program on the sen- in the price problem than a counties, was announced Saturday by Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry.

state income tax revenues, was is convinced that the republican compromise on the issue between computed at the rate of \$10 per capita on the basis of a school census of the number of children between 4 and 20 years within each county. Second half of the apportion-

ment will be distributed in April of next year. Saturday's distribution included: Benton, \$28,720; Lane, \$117,830;

Lincoln, \$24,425; Linn, \$58,785; Marion, \$102,700; Multnomah, \$466,040; Polk, \$32,495; Yamhill,

Public Records

Rollie Smith Woodruff, Portland, no icense plate and violation of the basic rule, fined \$10 and costs on each charge. Lawrence Albert McHill, 1495 Center st., charged with illegal use of an auto-PROBATE COURT

Nellie May Binning estate: Final or CIRCUIT COURT

L. W. Hall and others vs S. P. Matheny and Oregon Pulp and Paper Co.: Defendant Matheny allowed to December 16 to file transcript on appeal. Henry M. Snoddy and Vera M. Snoddy vs Pioneer Trust Co.: Suit seeking 38,574 judgment for alleged injuries suffered by Mary Louise Snoddy, daugh-ter of plaintiffs, in an auto-train acci-dent near West Stayton on Dec. 23, 1945, the auto allegedly being driven by James C. Helms.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Samuel Ellis Orcutt, 25, merchant, 746 N. Cottage st., and Sally Louise McClelland, 23, secretary, 206 N. Elst st., both of Salem.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Ronald E. Jones, jr., Brooks, violation of noise ordinance, posted 35 bail. John T. Brown, 1805 Market st., violation of basic rule, fined \$20. Erick G. Erickson, The Dalles, violation of basic rule, posted \$7.50 bail. Lyle E. Bush, Lyons route 1, box 392, charged with reckless driving planted. Lyle E. Bush, Lyons route 1, box 392, charged with reckless driving, pleaded innocent, posted \$50 ball and trial set for December 11 at 1:30 p.m.

George Beverly Adams, LaGrande, charged with reckless driving, pleaded innocent, posted \$50 ball and trial set for December 11 at 1:30 p.m.

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Revolt Is Bringing

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 leadership of the senate majority, eign policy. If the rebellion materializes it will Largely Speculative center, of course, around the price issue. For a number of senate re-

The revolt is

are the names of two freshmen from New Eng-land, Ralph E.

Flanders of Vermont and Raymond Baldwin of Connect-"negative ap proach" to the price issue.



Baldwin and Stewart Alsop Flanders might well be joined by Cabot Lodge and Leverett Salstonstall, Vermont's Sen. George Aiken and New Hampshire's Sen. Charles Tobey. Tobey has already summed up his own attitude towards the price issue in the phrase "damn the torpedoes and full speed ahead"; an approach which seems to indicate something less than full agreement with Senator Taft. Aiken has also GOP leadership

Morse Perpetual Maverick

This hard core of New Englanders may well be reinforced by a scattering of recruits from else-where. The perpetual maverick, Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon, although an outcast from the party can debacle in Kentucky. Sen. Arthur V. Watkins of Utah has also amazed his colleagues by proposing government purchase of the entire wheat crop, a proposal which goes beyond anything conwhich goes beyond anything con-tained in the Truman program, 3 Charged with and which was greeted with hor-

ror in the Taft camp. Other possible recruits for the republican price rebellion include the able Sen. Irving Ives of New York, and Sen. William Knowland of California, Edward Thye of Minnesotal Alexander Smith of New Jersey, C. D. Buck of Dela-ware, and Zales Ecton of Montana. Ecton, a member of the price sub-committee for the west, received a vivid object lesson in the meaning of the price situation from his daughter and son-in-law,

1605 Fairgrounds Rd.

the rebel camp. Vandenberg will never trespass openly on Taft's There have been angry mutter- domestic policy bailiwick, but he too has undoubtedly heard from ings in the cloak rooms before, industrial Michigan echoes of the but there are now for the first mounting anger about prices. And time real signs of a serious re- he is in a better position than bellion among senate republicans most to judge what five dollar against Senato. Robert A. Taft's wheat might do to American for-

This listing is, of course, largepublicans are making no secret ly speculative. Yet if even a dozof the fact that they regard Sena-tor Taft's root-and-branch opposition to the administration first really serious break in reprogram for in-flation control episode of last week's republican as bad politics if conference illustrates why such a break is now a serious possibility. At this conference the Flan-

still in the talk ders-Baldwin group urged that the stage, and it price issue would certainly decide may never crys- next year's election, that the retallize into ac- publicans must avoid merely fon, Yet al- whittling down on the Truman ready close ob- program, and that they must servers of the emerge instead with a positive resenate scene are publican program. Taft seemed to beginning to tick off the names of agree. Yet immediately after the these republican senators who conference, he announced his inmight be expected to defy the tention to whittle away still anpowerful Taft. Highest on the list other Truman item, that calling for controls on the feeding of high-priced cattle. Hard feelings resulted, and they have not been soothed by an editorial in "The Republican News" written by fatuous Republican Chairman Carroll - Reece. The editorial is captioned "A Cop in Every Kitchen," and it consists of furious semantics about "totalitarian methods.

Proposal Indicated

The kind of program the republican moderates would like to substitute for this unrewarding rage was indicated in the report of the at least four other New England- Flanders - Baldwin subcommittee ers, Massachusetts' Sens. Henry of the joint committee on the economic report. This report suggests many of the measures proposed in the Truman message. It suggests further that meat be rationed immediately, and that price controls, rather than being angrily discarded in the Taft manner, be held in reserve as a reluctant last-ditch weapon in the fight on high prices. It is interesting that this program is much like that expressed disapproval of current proposed by the middle-of-theroaders among the president's advisers, who were finally overruled by the president when he decided to go the whole hog for rationing and price control.

The brewing republican rebellion may yet be quashend. Yet it is at least heartening that a numcouncils, is expected to support a ber of senate republicans see more ate floor. Another probable re-cruit to the rebels is Sen. John mark about "police state meth-Sherman Cooper of Kentucky, ods" back in his face. And it is Cooper has told intimates that he also heartening that a reasonable record on prices was directly re- the administration and the consponsible for the recent republi- gress is at least not beyond the bounds of possibility.

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Reckless Driving

Two men and a woman were charged with reckless driving in municipal court Saturday after city police said they followed their cars through downtown Salem Friday night.

Charged were Lyle E. Rush, Lyons routs 1, box 392, George Beverly Adams and Mary Edith Ben

nett, both of LaGrande All three pleaded innocent to who were trying to live on the west coast on \$2400 a year. Final-Saturday, posted \$50 ball each Sen. Arthur Vandenberg of and were cited to appear for trial Michigan might move quietly into December 11 at 1:30 p.m.

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