Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	68	44	trace
Portland	67	49	trace
San Francisco	60	52	00
Chicago	83	50	00

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): mostly cloudy today and tonight, becoming partly cloudy Wednesday. Intermittent light rain today, light showers Wednesday. Cooler today, high near 65, moderate to fresh S.W. winds. Low near 49. Farm outlook: Conditions for most farm activities unfavorable today and Wednesday.

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Video is advancing toward the Willamette valley. The latest news of the nation's newest industry will appear next Sunday in the 16-page feature section of the **Oregon Statesman.**

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100 Police Scour Salem Area for Escaped Convicts

Escaped Cons Leave Trail of Sawed Bars, Dismantled Lock, Stretched Wire

Pinson 'Sawed Out' - - -

John Smith, Oregon state prison guard, points to hole in "bullpen" cell from which Convict John Pinson, convicted murderer, escaped after sawing two bars with hacksaw blade.

- - - Unlocked Benson.

Guard William Allen points to the "bullpen" master locking mechanism, another obstacle in escape route. Pinson disassembled it with a wrench to free another convict, William P. Benson, from nearby cell.

They Cut Bars - - -

Jerry Stergios, another guard, points to the spot where Pinson and Benson escaped from the cellblock into the yard. They broke the window, sawed away a bar, which was reweldeed into place immediately.

- - - Fled Over Wall.

Tower Guard R. G. Hirsch separates barbed wire on south prison wall where Pinson and Benson vaulted to freedom after scaling it with plank, under fire. (Statesman photos by Les Cour.)

Dragnet Envelopes State; Many 'Leads' Followed by Police

By Lester F. Cour
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Oregon law officers and possemen, armed with high-powered rifles and shotguns, spread a dragnet over the state Monday, seeking to shoot down or capture two desperate convicts who made a bold break from the Oregon state penitentiary.

Escaping by dark over the south wall in a hail of bullets early Monday morning were John O. Pinson, 31, convicted of slaying a state policeman at The Dalles, and William P. Benson, 44, serving five years for armed robbery.

The manhunt centered in an area south of Salem and the prison Monday night after a resident reported seeing the men in the ballpark area. City police also found a print of a bare foot in the same vicinity.

Over 100 in Posse

A posse of more than 100 city and state police, deputy sheriffs, prison guards and volunteers were making a house-to-house search and combing pastures near the airport. They said they would continue throughout the night.

"I don't think we'll take them alive," one husky prison guard stated. "I don't see why the state should have to feed people like these."

A state policeman remarked: "I don't intend to do much talking if I see either of them." Nearly every member of the posse agreed that neither man would be taken alive.

Other state police squads late last night patroled in area around Catlton where a man was seen prowling a tool shed and fled into a wooded area. Police said descriptions indicated the lead was "very promising."

Theft in Portland's southwest district of a .25 caliber pistol and a .22 caliber rifle and some ammunition from a residence alerted city patrols into that sector.

The two had been in the correction cell block for previous escape attempts. Pinson was one of eight convicts who attempted to flee last fall by setting fire to the prison flax plant. Two years ago, he attempted to crash through a yard gate while driving a prison truck. Benson tried to cut through his cell door.

Sawed Off 2 Bars

Warden George Alexander said Pinson engineered the escape by sawing off two bars in his cell with a smuggled hacksaw blade. Wriggling through the tiny opening, he then used a smuggled wrench to completely dissassemble the block's master lock system.

Although 12 despera'does were confined in the block, Pinson for reasons unknown to prison officials, chose only to release Benson. The pair then broke a window pane and sawed away another bar on the west cellblock wall to let themselves into the prison yard.

Due to the skeleton guard crew on the night shift, officials said the convicts walked to the south prison wall unseen.

Use Plank in Yard

They climbed the wall, using a plank lying in the yard. After reaching the top they were observed by a guard in a tower 50 yards to the east. He emptied his .38 pistol at the men, but did not bring them down. Prison officials said the guard had access to a high-powered rifle, but failed to use it during the confusion. It was not known whether the men were hit.

Police swarmed to the area immediately, and state police set up road blocks within 20 minutes, but no trace of the pair was found.

Found Only Transients

Portland police rushed to a southwest Portland railroad yard Monday afternoon after it was reported the convicts might be on a freight train. They found two transients aboard instead. Trainmen said, however, that the two other men had jumped from the train earlier.

Both men were shoeless, had short haircuts and wore blue denim overalls and shirts. Pinson is 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs 150 pounds. Benson is 5 feet 11 inches and also weighs 180 pounds. Both are "extremely dangerous and will shoot without provocation," prison authorities warned.

John O. Pinson

William P. Benson

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Balancing the national budget by requiring corporations to pay all their 1949 corporation tax in the first six months of 1950 is pure optical illusion. It isn't even a decidable magician's trick of pulling a rabbit out of an empty hat, for the rabbit is in plain visibility all the time. Equally obvious is the fact that the 1951 hat would be short one rabbit if this one is thrown into the 1950 stew.

Yet this scheme is seriously advanced by Congressman Mills of Arkansas. Even the president gave it significance when he said at a press conference that the scheme was "intriguing." In congress it drew so many hours of earnest dead until the president's remark gave it life again.

It would work, he said, in the last of the month and save a short $100 on month's monthly bills. You ask the bank for an advance of $100 on your credit. He engages to give you and you give him a receipt. Your budget and your bank balance are well tonight.

But tomorrow and next month bills will start falling due as usual. Short $100 where is the money to come from? Why, borrow it, of course, from the bank. Give them a note for it. Pay them back out of next month's income. But wait! Don't borrow from the bank. Borrow from the government. Give it a note. Let it collect it from the people.

Heard Door Slam

Mrs. Hatcher said she heard a door slam but thought it was her husband leaving.

Carson said he knew Pinson and Benson well in this area and that he had never seen the two men before. He said he could not identify them if he saw them again.

Hills body, badly beaten and with bullet holes in the chest and neck, was found about 7 a.m. by a truck near Irwinton. It was the nation's first lynching of 1949.

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Wreathes Float At Depoe Bay

DEPOE BAY, May 30—(AP)—Wreaths from 44 ships and 31 boats were laid on the Pacific ocean off shore here today in the annual fleet of flowers Memorial Day ceremony.

The program honored the men lost at sea in peace and war.

A crowd estimated at over 3,000 witnessed the ping on which 31 fishing craft and coast guard vessels maneuvered out of the narrow channel and formed the outer harbor.

Maj. Gen. Thomas F. Rigney, Oregon adjutant general, dropped the wreath from the side of a coast National guard cutter. Planes circled overhead during the flower covers.

Animal Crackers

"See, you don't HAVE to walk on all of them."

Negro Taken From Sheriff's Home, Lynched

IRWINGTON, Ga., May 30—(AP)—A young negro was taken from a jail cell in the Sheriff's residence early today and shot and beaten to death.

The negro, Cliff Hill, Jr., 28, was arrested after a disturbance about midnight at a negro roadhouse. Sheriff George Hatcher said Hill had seized his gun and fired at him when he arrested him.

The sheriff said Hill had "the worst reputation I'd ever heard of" and that he had arrested the negro several times before.

Went to Get Pistol

After placing Hill in jail, the sheriff called state troopers and went back to the roadhouse to get his pistol, which had been taken from him in the scuffle. Two unmasked white men then slipped up to the jail on the second floor of his home and took Hill.

Hatcher had left his keys on the table in the dining room of his home. His wife and daughter were asleep in another room.

Another negro prisoner in the jail, Tom Grissett, said the men had two guns. He said they were masked. Grissett said they ordered him to get Hill out of his cell. He said they told them: "Boy, we're going to take care of you." They then took Hill out of the house and to the rear in the kitchen.

Lilienthal Boiling Mad At 'Smear Campaign'

WASHINGTON, May 30—(AP)—Boiling mad, David E. Lilienthal today accused Senator Hickenlooper (R-Iowa) of conducting an un-American "smear" campaign against the work of the atomic energy commission, of which Lilienthal is chairman.

Taking the gloves off at a news conference, Lilienthal declared Hickenlooper's charges of gross mismanagement were couched in language "calculated to arouse fear, uneasiness, fright and ultimately panic."

"Here are charges that are so grave as to undermine the confidence of this country and the people of western Europe in the principal security side-piece of the atomic energy program," he said.

Question of Health

Lilienthal said at one point that some people whom he did not identify believe the inquiry will "wreck my health." He added that the commission will not let its work done and my health will take care of itself.

Hickenlooper, member of the senate-house joint atomic energy committee, has called for Lilienthal's ouster on grounds of "incredible mismanagement." He has charged waste and "mounting emotionalism" in the commission's work, has pointed to the loss of a quarter of a million dollars at a Chicago AEC laboratory, and the awards of an AEC safety award to a communist suspect.

Scientists Back Lilienthal

Many of the top scientists of Lilienthal's atomic energy commission came from the laboratories of America's scientists. The top members of the board of the commission have all been appointed by President Truman. Mr. Truman's appointees have generally been men who have had no previous connection with the atomic energy commission, which is well-financed.

CHINA REDS DRIVE AGAIN

CANTON, China, May 30—(AP)—Nationalist Chinese military sources said tonight some of the Communist troops who took Shanghai already have begun a drive southwest in what may be resumption of the drive on this provisional capital.

Ford Workers Back in Plant

DETROIT, May 30—(AP)—After more than three weeks of strike idleness in a "speed-up" dispute, maintenance workers returned to the Detroit area Ford plants this morning to prepare for a resumption of limited production.

The more than 100,000 production workers idled directly or indirectly by the 24-day strike will start trickling back tomorrow in scattered units.

Ford said it may be two weeks before full operations are resumed.

Hoover Asks 10% Cut in Ranks of Federal Employes

WASHINGTON, May 30—(AP)—The government could accomplish exactly the same job (or better) with 10 per cent fewer civilian employes if it were properly organized, former President Herbert Hoover said today.

Saying he believes, which he has previously estimated at an economy of $4 billion a year might even reach $4,000,000,000 or $5,000,000,000, Hoover said in an interview published in the magazine U.S. News and World Report.

Hoover said he based his figures on reports of research task forces of the commission on organization of the executive branch, of which he is chairman. The task has sent to congress 19 bulky volumes of reorganization recommendations.

Oregon Holiday Death Total Raised to 6

By the Associated Press

The death toll from Memorial Day weekend accidents in Oregon stood at six this morning.

Three have died in traffic mishaps. A 17-year-old Roseburg boy is presumed drowned in the Umpqua river. A three-year-old youngster choked to death on a crayon while on a Memorial day visit with his grandparents. A 15-year-old Lorane youth was crushed while playing on the holiday.

The body of the fourth possible victim was sought in the North Umpqua river near Glide, 18 miles east of Roseburg. Robert Lovelace, 17, Glide high school senior, tumbled from a rock there while fishing.

Passersby saw him go under Sunday. Search failed to disclose that he saved himself. The river was being dragged.

Those killed in previous highway accidents were: W. D. Hedge, 61, Portland; John Eldridge, 19, Eugene, and Leonard P. Larsen, 28, Yoncalla.

Children Die In Accidents

EUGENE, Ore., May 30—(AP)—A three-year-old boy choked to death after swallowing a crayon and a 15-year-old lad was crushed fatally near here today.

The toddler, Johnny Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Baker, route 1, Veneta, died while the family visited at the home of his grandparents.

John Gamble, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gamble, route 1, Lorane, was crushed to death near home when an old piling loader frame toppled backwards. He died instantly. Two other boys were playing with Gamble.

Baby's Cries Wake The Neighborhood But Not Her Sitter

MILWAUKEE, May 30—(AP)—Little Linda Wetzel couldn't rouse her baby sitter, but there isn't anything weak about her voice. She roused her whole home neighborhood and held up party-line routine for more than an hour yesterday.

When police, summoned by passers-by, entered the Wetzel home, they found a high-school baby sitter snoozing over the funny papers.

And sitting on the floor was Linda, 16-months-old, preparing to sound another stanza of her lament into the telephone which she had pulled from its stand.

9 GOP Solons Offer Health Insurance Plan

WASHINGTON, May 30—(AP)—Nine members of congress today proposed a new, voluntary health insurance plan designed to provide the same care to the poor and well-to-do, at a cost scaled to each person's income.

The bill, intended as a substitute for President Truman's compulsory insurance plan, will be introduced tomorrow by two senators and seven representatives, all republicans.

To Avoid Socialism

The sponsors, who said the bill would avoid "the errors of state socialism," are:

Senators Ives (NY) and Flanders (Vt.) and Reps. Clifford P. Case (NJ), Fulton (Pa), Hale (Me), Herter (Mass), Javits (NY), Morton (Ky.) and Nixon, (Calif.).

They said the plan is "designed to bring within everybody's reach all the care that the nation's medical facilities can provide."

The whole plan would be voluntary. People could subscribe or not as they choose. Doctors, hospitals and states could join or stay out.

A subscriber would pay in 3 per cent of his income, up to $5,000. The sponsors figure most of the cost would be met by the subscriptions—which would average $114 per year per family.

To Make Up Deficits

Deficits would be made up by federal and state governments. The maximum cost for the federal government is estimated at $300,000,000 the first year and about $850,000,000 four years later.

The Truman plan, on the other hand, is estimated by its backers to cost about $6,000,000,000 a year.

The new republican substitute made public today would be built around local, voluntary plans, something like those in which around 35,000,000 people already are enrolled—plans like those of the Blue Cross, unions, cooperatives.

But the backers say they would get away from the disadvantage of flat-rate premiums that put present plans out of the reach of millions of people.

The measure would use existing plans, enable them to expand, and open the way for new plans.

Screams Heard in Pit--Just Bears

CINCINNATI, May 30—(AP)—Police squads made a rush call to the Cincinnati zoo bear pit today on a report by a nearby resident that she heard screaming and that apparently someone had fallen into the pit.

Lt. John Kleemeier reported the officers found no trace of any trouble, and decided the "screams" were just yelps of bear cubs for their breakfast.

Russia Blasts German Unity Hopes at Paris

PARIS, May 30—(AP)—Soviet Russia tonight blasted hopes of agreement at this council of foreign ministers on merging east and west Germany under one government.

Andrei Vishinsky, soviet foreign minister, turned down as a "dictate" the proposals of the three western powers for a federal democratic government under the Bonn constitution.

An American source said Vishinsky attacked the proposals in principle and in detail and refused even to consider them as a basis for discussion.

The American, British and French ministers in their replies made it plain they considered the Vishinsky charges so sweeping as to leave no room for compromise.

His attack followed the same pattern which led to the futile and deadlocked endings of the councils of March and December, 1947.

Talk will go on tomorrow and possibly for another day on the political questions of unifying Germany. But most observers felt that the only hope of any agreement here now was some working arrangements for reviving east-west-German trade and solving the dilemma. These questions are to be taken up next.

BISS TRIAL TO START AGAIN

NEW YORK, May 31—(AP)—The perjury trial of Alger Hiss goes into federal court tomorrow. The trial has been postponed six times for various reasons.

SALEM PRECIPITATION
(Sept. 1 to May 31)

This Year	Last Year	Average
46.58	45.80	35.60

Floral Pieces, Parade Mark Memorial Day

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Salem joined the rest of the nation Monday in paying homage to men and women who lost their lives in recent and past wars.

Large crowds thronged the streets as military, veterans and civic groups passed in an hour-long parade preceding the Memorial day service on the steps of the Marion county courthouse. Thousands of residents placed floral pieces on the graves of their loved ones in cemeteries of the city.

Vice Admiral Thomas E. Gatch, retired World War II hero, who is now a Portland attorney, was principal speaker for the courthouse ceremony.

He stressed that America must give the world the example of stability and lead it to a permanent peace. He said the United States must stop "fiddling" with matters such as economic laws, claims, the armed forces and avoid "indulging in fancy" if it is to take the lead in world affairs.

'Never on Defensive'

"We should never stand on the defensive," Gatch emphasized. "Of one thing we may be sure: nothing great was ever accomplished by a people who did not feel themselves to be great. National modesty is the height of futility."

He said America must "steer a middle course, directly up the center. If a country goes to the left long enough and consistently enough, it will complete the circle and return to its starting from the right—Mussolini, Hitler and Stalin!"

"Fifty-million ordinary, common-sense American men and women have more gumption in the long run than all the pundits, bureaucrats, theorists, dictators the world has ever seen," Gatch declared. "We hold in our hands the fate of the world. We will prove worthy if we keep the United States worthy."

The prayer was given by the Rev. G. Wesley Turner, pastor of the Leslie Methodist church and chaplain in World War II. Col. Carl Abrams, chairman of the Memorial day committee, was master of ceremonies.

Honored Guests

Honored guests on the courthouse speakers platform were Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom, West Salem Mayor Walter Musgrave, Salem Police Chief Claude Warren, Don Madison, president of the Federated Veterans Organizations of Salem and Lt. Comdr. D. N. Morey, jr., Salem naval reserve instructor.

Music was furnished by the Salem high, Leslie junior high, Parrish junior high, and Willamette university bands. Troops of the army navy and air force reserves and the Oregon national guard represented the military.

Other organizations in the parade were the VFW, American Legion, Spanish-American war veterans, governor's guard, police reserves, boys scouts, Salem day nursery and the Eagles and other fraternal orders.

Salem's children paid tribute to America's war dead Monday in Memorial day services at the Marion county courthouse. Shown placing flowers beneath the statue of the World War I doughboy at the courthouse are Arlene Adams, 7, left, and her sister, Norma, 5, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Virginia Adams, 1145 N. 15th st. (Statesman photo). (Other photos, page 7).

Walter Pierce 88 Years Old

Walter M. Pierce, former governor of Oregon, passed his 88th birthday quietly at his Eola farm home Monday with his wife.

Born in Illinois, Pierce began his Oregon political career as superintendent of schools in Umatilla county in 1886. He served in the state legislature as senator from 1903 to 1907 and again from 1917 to 1921.

He was elected governor in 1922 and served for one term. He became a congressman in 1933, serving as democratic representative of the 2nd district until 1943.

BASEBALL

Western International
At Yakima 6-9, Salem 5-7
At Wenatchee 3-8, Spokane 8-19
At Bremerton 5-2, Vancouver 13-7
At Tacoma 6-6, Victoria 10-5
At Wenatchee 3, Spokane 8.

Coast League
At San Diego 9-2, Portland 10-3
At Sacramento 4-3, Seattle 9-10
At Oakland 8-2, Hollywood 3-1
At Los Angeles 10-1, San Francisco 6-6

National League
At Pittsburgh 5-8, Chicago 8-6
At New York 1-7, Brooklyn 2-4 (1st game 12 inn.)
At Philadelphia 3-6, Boston 7-5
At St. Louis 8-9, Cincinnati 6-2

American League
At Chicago 2-2, Detroit 3-1
At Washington 6-3, New York 8-19
At Cleveland 2-5, St. Louis 1-0 (1st game 12 inn.)
At Boston 10-4, Philadelphia 3-8