

4 Inmates Attack Guard, Escape Albany Jail

The Weather
Today's forecast: Early morning fog or low clouds today and Sunday, with sunny afternoons. High today near 75.
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Quartet
'4-Time
Losers'

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16-Year-Old 'Veteran' Wins 4-H Tractor Driving Contest

By LILLIE L. MADSEN
Farm Editor, The Statesman
A 16-year-old Albany youth who has been driving a tractor since he was six years old won the 4-H tractor operators' contest at the Oregon State Fair Friday.

Salem Telephone Rate Rise Sought \$2.2 Million Boost Asked in Oregon

Telephone rate increases that may cost Salem householders 26 to 35 cents more per month were proposed Friday by Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co.

Over 500 Personnel to Staff Adair SAGE Base

By CHARLES IRELAND
Valley Editor, The Statesman
CORVALLIS, Sept. 7—Between 500 and 600 personnel will be stationed at the projected SAGE-radar base in the Camp Adair sector and approximately \$7,000,000 will be spent on the project, The Statesman learned today.

IT SEEMS TO ME
By Charles Springs

Now is the time for all moderates to come to the defense of themselves. For the political campaign in which the major contenders both proclaim their devotion to moderation shows signs of becoming unusually shrill and discordant.

Clear Skies On Forecast

The 1956 State Fair will bow out under generally clear skies, according to forecasters. The big show has been spared rain all week long.

POLIO EPIDEMIC STRIKES VIENNA, Austria. Sept. 7—An infantile paralysis epidemic has broken out in the district of Olesnyk—Altenstein—in northern Poland, the provincial newspaper Glos Oltwzynski reported.

WILBERT
FROZEN CUSTARD

"No, no, We invited you to come with us ... this one's on me!"

Today at the Fair

Saturday, Sept. 8
8:00 a.m.—Gates Open
9:45 a.m.—Organ Concert
10:30 a.m.—Band Concert
1:00 p.m.—Racing
Midway Act
1:30 p.m.—Horse Show
Flower Arranging Demonstration Show
2:00 p.m.—Search for Talent Show
Organ Concert
4:00 p.m.—Band Concert
6:00 p.m.—Balloon Ascension
7:30 p.m.—Organ Concert
8:00 p.m.—Helene Hughes Night Revue
Rodeo-Horse Show
10:15 p.m.—Midway Act
12:00 a.m.—Gates Close on the 1956 Oregon State Fair.

Astronomer in Japan Sees Mars' Canals

NEW YORK, Sept. 7 (AP)—Sighting of several elusive "canals" on Mars was reported today by a Japanese observer during the mid-point of worldwide close observing of our neighbor planet.

Balloon Soars Near 27 Miles Above Earth

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 7—A helium-filled plastic balloon soared to 142,900 feet, about 26 4/5 miles today to break all existing altitude records for such bags, the University of Minnesota reported.

Police Seize Slot Machines

KLAMATH FALLS, Sept. 7—State Police raided numerous pool halls, taverns and card rooms in Klamath County last night and early today, arresting nine persons and seizing 200 punchboards and 10 slot machines.

Bing Crosby Wedding Plan Rumors Persist

By JAMES BACON
HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 7—Hollywood buzzed today with the rumor-latest in a long series—that Bing Crosby and his best girl, actress Kathy Grant, would be married this weekend.

Football Season Off to Early Start in Salem



South Salem High's Saxons, humbled in their first game of the season 19-0 by the Beaverton Beavers, had very little to shout about Friday night, but this play brought momentary hope to the Salem fans. Fullback Jack Scott is hauled down by an unknown Beaver after hauling in a long pass in the third quarter when the Saxons trailed by only six points behind. (Statesman Photo.) (Story on Sports pages.)

Salem School Signup Off to Fast Start

Registration at Salem's 30 elementary schools jumped off to a record pace Friday supporting estimates of school officials that the city is headed for another record enrollment.

Speed Story Works Once, But Not Twice

More pressure on the accelerator than on the memory apparently cost a Salem driver \$50 in Marion County District Court Friday.

Father Insists Body Not Kidnaped Infant

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sept. 7 (AP)—The body of little Cynthia Ruotolo will be laid to rest in the family plot at St. Bernard's cemetery here tomorrow, but there was some question if her father would attend the committal services.

Judge Drops DA Langley's Assault Count

PORTLAND, Sept. 7—Municipal Judge John J. Murchison today dismissed a charge of assault against District Attorney William M. Langley after the district attorney apologized for damaging a photographer's camera.

Methodists Increase Quota of Men's Clubs, Delegates Told

The success of the Methodist church in chartering 10,000 men's clubs, has led the general board of lay activities to set a new goal of 12,500 organizations, Don L. Calame, Chicago resource leader, told 200 lay members of the first annual assembly of the Oregon Methodist Church Friday night at Willamette University.

Justice Minton To Quit U.S. Supreme Court Jurist Blames Health

(Picture on Wirephoto Page)
WASHINGTON, Sept. 7—(AP)—Justice Sherman Minton, plagued by pernicious anemia and a failing memory, announced today he was retiring from the Supreme Court Oct. 15.

Truman Says Eisenhower 'Passing Buck'

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7—Harry S. Truman accused President Eisenhower tonight of "passing the buck" to subordinate in order to maintain his own popularity—even at the risk of starting World War III.

Eugene Firemen Fight Foot-Wide, Block-Long Fire

EUGENE, Sept. 7—Firemen fought a foot-wide, block-long blaze here today. It was flaming tar that gushed from the spout of a tar container and oozed down a steep hill in East Eugene. The tar had become overheated.

By CHARLES IRELAND
Valley Editor, The Statesman
ALBANY, Ore., Sept. 7—Four prisoners escaped from Linn County jail tonight after overpowering a jailer and locking up three of his relatives in the jail.

Knocked Down

Andrus said he was knocked down and kicked by one of the men as another one of them ran to the jail kitchen and grabbed two knives.

One of the prisoners went to the jailer's apartment and ordered the jailer's son-in-law, Blake Rivera and his two children to get in the jail. The children are five and three years old. They were not harmed.

The prisoners took the keys to the jail from Andrus after severely beating and kicking him. They took car keys from the son-in-law and made him tell where his car was parked after threatening his life.

Police immediately threw roadblocks across Highway 50E and other roads.

State police identified the others as Dan C. Ott, 45, a transient who had lived in the Detroit area; James Arthur Patton, 29, Long Beach, Calif.; and Ernest Loring Gibson, 29, Coos Bay.

Sheriff Miller said Gibson was under life sentence for a sensational robbery at the Linn County courthouse last winter in which a county official was beaten.

Patton also was under life sentence following conviction for armed robbery, the sheriff said, while habitual criminal complaints were on file against Ott and Bonnie.

The prisoners took a .32 revolver when they overpowered jailer Andrus, but Sheriff Miller said he thought the only ammunition they took was of 38 calibre.

Andrus said they also stole \$60 from him, \$40 from his son-in-law and another \$80 from the jailer's apartment.

The car they fled in was described as a two-tone green, two-door 1953 Oldsmobile bearing Texas license FK1622.

Sheriff Miller said the break was the first successful one from the present Linn County jail in its 16-year history.

"I am hopeful for legislation to keep county jails from having to house this kind of character pending appeal," Sheriff Miller told The Statesman, referring to Gibson, whom he said was returned from the state penitentiary 10 days ago because of his appeal.

Jailer Andrus, sporting a badly bruised face and a wrenched back, quoted Gibson as saying as they ran from the jail, "If they get me, they'll hold trial in the street."

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