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Medford Still Has Way to go

Busy Medford in Southern Oregon climbs another notch over its area rival Klamath Falls, through annexation of an acreage housing 1,340 persons. That gives it a population, estimated by the state census board, of 23,571—10 Klamath Falls 19,000. In the meantime Klamath is talking more annexation, too. And Corvallis is right on Klamath's heels.

In 1930 Oregon had only six cities in the 10,000-or-above bracket. In the next decade there was only one addition to the select group—Bend. But by 1950 the number increased to 12 with the addition of Albany, Corvallis, Pendleton, Springfield and The Dalles. And estimates since have added Roseburg.

It may be the 1960 census will show Eugene and Salem have switched rank estimates now have Eugene ahead, but Medford will have to do a bit more climbing before it can be rated as a challenger for any of the top three spots. And no one's going to challenge Portland for a long long time.

Inheritance Tax

President Philip M. Talbot of the United States Chamber of Commerce proposes that the federal government yield authority for the levy of inheritance tax and gift taxes to the states. This, he says, would enable states to carry some of the responsibilities which have been assumed by the federal government.

The weakness in this is that it would accentuate the reverse auction that already prevails among states over inheritance and corporation taxes. North Carolina, for instance, has taken page ads in the Wall Street Journal to proclaim how favorable its tax structure is for business. Nevada has no inheritance or gift taxes, and no individual income tax. The virtue of a federal tax on inheritances and gifts is that it prevents dodging or diminishing such a tax by picking a "cyclone cellar" like Nevada for residence.

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Wrong Identification

On the night of July 29 a very heinous crime was committed in San Francisco. A criminal, accused, a couple bound and gagged the victim of a nurse tortured and raped her, subjecting her to abuse by beating, clipping her hair, burning her with a cigarette. The police immediately got busy rounding up those who are suspects for sex offenses. Arrested in suspicion was one John Alvin Rexinger, an ex-convict. The nurse identified him as her attacker. Her escort who got few glimpses of the fiend wasn't sure. A store cashier positively identified Rexinger as one to whom she sold a pair of leg irons such as were part of the torture kit used by the criminal. Rexinger steadfastly denied any part in the offense and told police he was in his apartment reading at the time of the crime. But the chief of detectives was quoted in the Saturday Chronicle as saying that new evidence the police were working on would "shatter" Rexinger's alibi.

The Sunday papers told a different story. A 21-year-old unemployed warehouseman police announced had admitted the sadistic attack on the nurse. He had been arrested for narcotics theft in his room police found the wrist-watch stolen from the girl's escort. Other evidence linked him with the crime.

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Victory in Civil Rights Issue Could Prove Costly to Demos

By STEWART ALBRO. WASHINGTON, Aug. 3—There are times—there are very rare—when a scene worth remembering, a moment of real drama and meaning, occurs on the Senate floor. There was such a moment last week, when the Senate, in the small hours of the morning, passed the jury trial amendment to the Civil Rights bill—a vote which will surely affect the political balance of power for a long time to come.

It was a scene of a sort that occurs only once or twice in a decade—every fil senator on the floor, and the galleries choked with spectators, as the hands of the big clock crept on past midnight. All present, spectators and senators alike, were caught up in the excitement of the great Senate game.

Only a few hours before, Knowland thought he had won the game. He had the votes to beat off the crucial amendment, and everybody knew it. But Knowland, like an over-anxious golfer player on the last hole of a close match, began to press too hard. By insisting on twelve-hour sessions, and by other means, he brought pressure on the Senate for a quick vote. The Senate, a leisurely body, does not like being subjected to pressure. Johnson, the master player of the Senate game, snuffed the Senate air, and played his hole card—a further amendment carefully tailored to attract the last of the waverers.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



'Better hurry, doctor'—Judging from the symptoms out here, 3 are going to have babies, 4 are in need of surgery and 2 are going into a coma... all in the next few minutes...

IT SEEMS TO ME

Jobua and Caleb this summer, spending considerable time spying out the Communist land as 'vacationers' in Russia. Their report must have been somewhat favorable for the summit conference followed in Romania the

Safety Valve

The fact is very many workers are so bedged about by rules and fringe trimmings they become more like push-button machines than free men.

Work Option

The problem of the ambitious employee who can't make full use of his time could be easily solved if the city could give them the option of putting in their off-duty time at their regular job at their current pay. This would not cost the city anything since the departments could get along with fewer men.

Favorite Regions

The Willamette Valley region when it gets more dams, and the nation has big business publicly owned so small business can be privately owned, will be on the minds of people everywhere.

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

Aug. 6, 1947. Dr. C. A. Howard, who retired from the presidency of Oregon College of Education at Monmouth, has been appointed as investment representative for the Equitable Savings and Loan Association, in Salem and Marion County.

25 Years Ago

Aug. 6, 1932. 'All hands to the pumps' has been the slogan at the water company plant the last few days. Ever since Old Sol climbed the ladder this valley's water consumption has taxed the capacity of the Salem plant. The consumption has been running 6,250,000 gallons per day.

40 Years Ago

Aug. 6, 1917. A violent earthquake causing great damage has occurred in the southern portion of North Island, New Zealand. Two active volcanic peaks on the island are Mount Ruapehu and Tongariro.

17th Street To Skirt Fair Area in Plans

By LILLIE L. MADSEN, Farm Editor, The Statesman. Seventeenth Street will go around the Oregon State Fairgrounds, cutting only a small sliver at the west end and not through the fairgrounds, if plans adopted by the Oregon State Fair Commission at a special meeting Monday night.

The commission members voted to adopt the plans submitted by the architectural firm, Balshuler and Seder, which has been retained to make a complete survey of state fair facilities. The architects recommended that the street go along the east boundary to Evergreen Avenue and then north to where it crosses Silverton Road and on to Duncan Ave.

Another fork from 17th would continue west until it runs into 18th and then north along 18th, bending to the west and coming out at the junction of Silverton Road and Highland Ave.

Another Plan Adopted

Trying in with this is another plan adopted Monday by the commission, in which it also accepts the architect's recommendation for the general area of the new 6th building. The accepted site will be south-west of the present 4th dormitory given right to the edge of the present floral gardens. The commission said it hoped to get underway on this \$300,000 project shortly after the close of this year's fair.

The state racing commission granted the fair commission a permit to hold its racing with the two commissions held a brief joint session Monday. The racing group asked to fair commission to put in more part mutual windows, and the board consented to investigate at once the possibility of meeting this request.

Movie Camera

The racing commission also asked to have a teletype and moving picture camera for recording the entire track during the races. Jack Travis, state fair commission chairman, reported that all buildings had now been inspected by the state fire marshal and found safe for the purposes to which they are to be used.

12-Year-Old Girl Injured In Collision

A 12-year-old Salem girl was injured in a four-car accident Monday morning at D and Lancaster streets, state police said. Taken to Salem General Hospital by Willamette Ambulance Service was Karen K. Hedge, 2255 Southham St. She was released from the hospital after treatment for a forehead laceration and shock, police said.

The girl was a passenger in a car driven by Curtis R. Hedge of Salem, police added. Other drivers in the series of rear-end collisions were listed as Lorain L. Wagner, Willis D. Meisenheimer and Theodore C. Sutter, all of Salem. Hedge was charged with following too closely, police said.

Oregon's Log Production Dips

Oregon's log production in 1956 was \$335,810,000, board said, the state forestry department said Monday. The total was 384 million less than in 1955, and 500 million under the record cut of 1952.

Douglas County held the lead with 1,778,297,000 board feet last year. Next were Lane 1,107,384,000; Lincoln 572,463,000; Linn 553,923,000; Coos 540,381,000; Clackamas 418,274,000; and Tillamook 413,642,000.

Better English

By D. C. Williams. 1. What is wrong with this sentence? 'Please sit down in that chair while I see where our supply of pens and pencils have been placed.'

Turkey, Light Cause Alarms

A turkey and a fluorescent light kept Salem firemen busy for a while Monday. South Salem firemen were called about 4:45 p.m. to the home of W. J. Ross, 1855 Saginaw St., when an accumulation of grease from a turkey in an oven started burning. The fire was out on arrival. Firemen said the turkey was damaged.

Public Records

CIRCUIT COURT. State vs. Clyde F. French and Philip Good. Defendants plead innocent on indictment charging illegal sale of unregistered securities. Trial date to be set after Nov. 1, 1957.

Elizabeth Anne Hesterman vs. Vernon E. Hesterman. Plaintiff seeking separation charges, cruel and inhuman treatment. Married Nov. 1, 1956, at Vancouver, Wash. Oscar Pickens vs. Ada Mae Pickens. Plaintiff for divorce charges desertion. Married Sept. 23, 1942, at Los Angeles.

Joana Rosa vs. Ronald P. Rosa. Plaintiff for divorce charges desertion. Married Sept. 23, 1944, at Tappanah, Wash. Edward Ostford, Bern Maneaua and Hahn Meunzer, doing business as Wizzard Manufacturing Co. vs. Norman Nielsen, State Labor Commissioner. Order setting hearing on plaintiff's request for restraining order Aug. 8.

Lloyd Huddleston vs. State Industrial Accident Commission. Plaintiff seeks additional compensation equal to permanent disability for loss of use of an arm and partial disability of one leg. Lloyd F. Grum and Eva Grimm vs. Robert Scott and Beverly Ann Scott. Order dismissing suit.

Andrew Taylor vs. Clarence Gladden, warden of Oregon State Penitentiary. Defendant's motion to use Supreme Court Library denied in habeas corpus proceedings. Plaintiff allowed 30 days to file second amended replication. State vs. Grady William Cope. Case continued until Sept. 3 for plea on charge of accusing previous convictions under habitual criminal act.

State vs. Delbert Lee Dennis. Defendant placed on two years probation on charge of burglary not in a dwelling. State vs. Bruno Orin Cordarillo. Defendant pleads guilty on charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. State vs. James W. Williams. Defendant sentenced to one year in Oregon State Penitentiary after pleading guilty to charge of escape from the penitentiary.

State vs. Wyatt Gilmore Hicks. Case continued until Aug. 12 for plea on charge of burglary not in a dwelling. State vs. Robert Clinton Osbourn. Defendant sent to Oregon State Hospital for 30 days observation on charge of passing a forged check.

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Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday for Miss Mary E. Plant, 1990 12th St., who died Sunday night in a Salem hospital at the age of 71. Miss Plant was born at Buxton, Derbyshire, England, on Oct. 11, 1878. She came to the U.S. about 30 years ago and settled at Independence, where she operated a grocery store on a hop farm east of the city for about 10 years. She later moved to Victoria, B.C., Canada, and then to Salem about seven years ago.

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Wrecking, Alteration Permits Let by City

One wrecking and two alteration permits were issued Monday by Salem's city engineer's office. The wrecking permit went to the O. W. Kleng Company to demolish a garage at 585 N. 20th St. to make room for a carport. L. M. Flagg received a permit to alter a one-story dwelling at 1558 Church street for \$1,000. H. G. Crawford received a permit to alter a garage at 1900 N. 23rd street for \$1,500.

Convict-Escapee Given Another Year in Pen

A convict who walked away from the Oregon State prison annex four years ago was sentenced to an additional year in the state prison Monday during criminal arrangements in Marion County Circuit Court.

James W. Williams who had pleaded guilty to a charge of escape from the penitentiary, slipped away from the annex May 1, 1952, while he was serving a five-year term on a Multnomah County larceny. He was returned to the state prison in June from Sao Quentin where he had been sentenced on another charge after his escape from the Oregon prison.

Judge Duncan had ordered a pre-sentence investigation for Dennis after he pleaded guilty last month. Bruno Orin Cordarillo, Clayton, pleaded guilty on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses after waiving a grand jury hearing. Booked last week on the charge involving a \$25 check allegedly cashed at a Marion grocery store, Cordarillo originally gave his name as Bruno Spiletta.

Suit Against Murderer Underway

DALLAS, Aug. 3—A Polk County Circuit Court heard opening testimony today in a \$20,000 damage suit against a rancher convicted of the second degree slaying of his wife. The suit was brought against Bayliss Gilbert Fanning by Delmar DeWayne Hampton as administrator of the estate of his mother, Margaret Alice Fanning.

The plaintiff charges that Bayliss Fanning willfully and intentionally inflicted personal injuries upon his wife, Margaret, by shooting her four times in the back with a revolver on May 30, 1956, and that she died from the wounds. Fanning was convicted of second degree murder last year and was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Oregon State Penitentiary.

The suit is being brought under an Oregon statute which provides the estate of a slain person may collect up to \$20,000 in case of a wrongful act which produced death. While the statute is the basis for numerous suits where death results from auto accidents it is seldom used in the case of a slaying.

Move Started To Increase Prison Term

A convict at the Oregon State Penitentiary serving a 10 year sentence for shooting a Salem grocer in the stomach last year is scheduled to appear in Marion County Circuit Court Sept. 3 under the state's habitual criminal act. If Grady William Cope is found guilty, he can be sentenced to life imprisonment as a habitual criminal.

Cope pleaded guilty to a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon in January 1956 after shooting Dean McFarland while attempting to enter McFarland's Market in the Keizer area. This was Cope's fourth criminal conviction, according to the Marion County district attorney's office. The office said he had been convicted on a burglary charge in 1921 in Okanogan, Wash. on grand larceny in Wenatchee, Wash. in 1924 on forgery in Ephrata, Wash. in 1936. Circuit Judge George R. Duncan continued Cope's arraignment until the September date on the charge accusing him of previous convictions.

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