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The Weather

OREGON: Tonight and Wednesday, generally cloudy, moderate westerly winds.

LOCAL: Rainfall .02; southerly winds; cloudy; maximum 82, minimum 58, set 61; river 1.4 feet and falling.

Price Three Cents ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

PROMPT ACTION SAVES CAMPER FROM DEATH

Handling of Cherries And Berries, Problem

4 Cents Paid for Cherries

First of Crop Sold Today; Grocers Buy Fruit But Find No Demand Here

Canners in Salem are this year faced with a situation never before paralleled in the history of the community. Within the next week cannery officials must make their initial moves to cope with a problem, the like of which they have never had to meet before.

Briefly, the situation is this: For the first time since the local cherries and loganberry crops are to be dumped at the plants' receiving rooms at practically the same time. Both crops must be handled at once. Loganberries and cherries this year are ripening synchronously.

Salem fruit men are not attempting to explain the horticultural phenomena. They don't know what brought it about, but they are preparing to deal with its resultant effects. Usually, as everybody knows, the cherries are nearly all in the cans or barrels before the loganberries are removed from their vines.

This year it is entirely different, and in consequence the local canneries may begin to operate two shifts early next week. By next Monday morning, it is believed, both loganberries and cherries will be brought to the local plants in large quantities and it will be utterly impossible to handle them during an eight-hour day. And never before have Salem fruit canners been required to employ two shifts of workers.

The loganberry crop, experts estimate, will approximate 5300 tons this year, and there will be about 1500 tons of cherries. Disposition of the two crops at the same time will work a severe hardship on the Salem canneries, managers said this afternoon.

Due to the fact that it rained Saturday, and that but few strawberries were picked Sunday, yesterday was a comparatively light day at the plant, but today the work was back to normal.

Since students in the local public schools have been dismissed for the summer, the labor situation at the canneries has been greatly improved and the berries are being canned as quickly as they are picked. The most recent pickings of Wilson berries, it is said, are quite small compared to the earlier pickings.

Bargain Day's Savings to Pay Expenses; Plan

Why not let the savings which you will realize on Bargain Day in Salem, July 1, pay for your expenses in the city on that date?

Such was the suggestion today offered by the committee in charge of the annual event, when discussing the matter of handling the out-of-town crowds. Thousands of residents of nearby towns are to be welcomed to Salem on July 1. Considered under the auspices of the Salem Business Men's League, Bargain Day this year is, merchants claim, already assured of success.

He Wanted to Try Out Bicycle And He's Still Riding

A man who told H. C. Lockhart, 422 North Commercial street, that he wished to "try out" one of his bicycles yesterday became so still riding, that he was never returned to the Lockhart store, according to the proprietor's report to the police.

The bicyclist, he said, was about 25 years of age, weighed about 150 pounds and wore a beard. Police are searching for him.

Facing Six Murder Charges, Woman Is Without Emotion



Alleged Bluebeardess Accused of Bringing About Deaths of Four Husbands, Little Daughter and Her Brother-in-Law—To Be Tried in Idaho Court

Twin Falls, Idaho, June 21.—What manner of woman is the alleged bluebeardess, Mrs. Lydia Eva Southard, accused of having caused the death of four husbands, a brother-in-law and her baby? Instead of these pictures, the one presented by Mrs. Southard is a slender, colorless little woman, well under five feet two inches tall, with gray eyes that look one full in the face when she speaks. Mrs. Southard is petite, dainty, with hands that a lady of quality might envy for their shapely slenderness, and with a smile that glows in friendliness and warmth as she talks—she is about the last person one would select as a possible wholesale murderer.

Mrs. Southard is peculiarly emotionless. Mrs. V. H. Ormsby, who as matron, was her constant companion for two weeks on the long trip here from Honolulu, where she was arrested, declared that not once during that period did she display emotion. She has registered sadness and gladness in discussion of but two topics since her arrival.

It was when she spoke of little Lorraine Marie, her baby by her first husband, R. C. Dooley, a Missourian, that Mrs. Southard manifested her first real emotion. Her lips trembled, and traces of burning tears welled up in her eyes as she repeated the baby's name a time or two. The temporary wavering, however, immediately gave place to the calm which has marked her attitude and behavior since her arrest weeks ago.

It was during the discussion of her present husband, Paul Vincent Southard, a U. S. navy petty officer, who was en route from Honolulu here to be with her during her trouble, that Mrs. Southard displayed gladness.

"I met him in San Pedro; I was lonesome, and he was, too, and just took to each other from the start," was the account Mrs. Southard gave of her meeting with her present husband, who is standing by her loyally in the present trouble.

Southard, who is two years younger than his wife, has a splendid record of nine years' service in the navy. He served overseas during the war and is due for promotion next spring, according to his wife.

Following are Mrs. Southard's alleged victims:

Robert C. Dooley of Kertessville, Mo., her first husband whom she married in 1912 as Lydia Trueblood and who died in Twin Falls, October 1, 1915.

2 Crops Ripening At Once

Canners Face Unusual Situation; Double Shifts May Be Used To Save Fruit

The Oregon Packing company today bought the first cherries to be sold in the Salem district. The price paid was four cents. Reports circulated yesterday and today that certain Salem plants were purchasing loganberries were flatly denied by every cannery manager in the city.

With full crews working at all local plants, the strawberry run, which is to be finished this week, will be well handled with little difficulty, but serious problems face the canners next week when both the cherry and loganberry crops are to appear.

Cherries were in the Salem stores this morning, but, dealers said, there was no demand for them locally. The average housewife, it was pointed out, has a tree within shouting distance of her door and does not need to make her way storeward when she wishes cherries. Retailers, it is understood, also were paying four cents for those cherries which they bought.

Unless the rain damage proves to be excessive, the cherries will be unusually good this year and the crop will favorably compare with last year's yield when the tonnage was exceptionally heavy. Canners are as yet unable to say what disposition will be made of the bulk of the cherries. A large quantity of them will be barreled, it is believed, but what the percentage will be they cannot state.

Stage Set For Junior Tourney Championship

Champions of the city in the two junior classes will be decided on the courts of the Salem Tennis association near the state hospital, tomorrow and Thursday. Prizes have been put up by the different sporting goods houses of the city and will be awarded to the winners in both classes.

Sixteen entries have been made, but the books will be open until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Those who have entered in the class for boys of 16 and 14 years of age are: Paul Ehmer, Bruce Spaulding, Howard Henderickson, Lewis West, Joseph Nunn, Roy Okerberg, Clifford Hulsey, Dennis Hoenan, Bert Randall.

Those who have entered in the class for boys under 14 years of age are: James Fargom, Jerome Hansen, Louis Updegraff, Robert Ramsden, Howard Walters, Willard Kappahan and Floyd Eckley. Frank Willman will have charge of the tournament and umpire the games.

New Generator Is Installed By Power Co.

At a cost of \$10,500 and doubling the capacity of the plant here, work on the erection of the fourth gas generator of the Portland Railway Light & Power company at the foot of Chemeketa street, has been commenced.

William Hamilton, manager for the company, stated this morning that with this new equipment the plant will furnish the city with an additional 50,000 cubic feet of gas a day which is twice the capacity of the plant four years ago.

Anyone wishing to witness the work of erection is welcome to do so. Mr. Hamilton stated. The improved equipment company of New York is doing the work of installation.

Juices of Clover And Alfalfa Held Tuberculosis Cure

Washington, June 21.—The juices of alfalfa and clover are aiding to destroy the tuberculosis germ, Dr. Hyman Lischner of San Diego, Cal., declared today at the convention of the American Institute of Homeopathy. Both grasses, Dr. Lischner said, are being used effectively in the dynamotherapeutic treatment of former service men at the Alpine sanitarium with which he is connected. Use of the grass juice has aided materially in progress made against the disease, he said, adding that he believed medical science was pushing back the tuberculosis plague. Three therapies—dynamo, physio and psycho—constitute the basis of treatment, Dr. Lischner said. The first calls for well selected food, the second utilizes energies, rays and vibrations and the last calls for cheerful surroundings and a healthy mental state.

Merchants Battle For 12 Inches

Final disposition of a recently adopted ordinance, which provides that local merchants shall be entitled to no space in front of their shopwindows for the exploitation of their wares, will probably be made at the next meeting of the city council. A dozen aldermen, three attorneys and several score laymen argued pro and con on the bill's advantages, shortcomings and general features when the council held its regular meeting last night.

Twelve inches of space—the amount sought by a number of Salem merchants who presented a petition to the council—caused the three attorneys, Guy Smith, E. M. Page and P. J. Kuntz, to take the floor and exhaustively treat with ordinance's evils. These 12 inches, formerly used for display purposes, are denied by the ordinance which was introduced at a recent meeting by Alderman Joseph Baumgartner.

Fight Looms. That a number of local business men intended to make a fight for the 12-inch space was evidenced not only by the appearance of the lawyers, but by the petition which carried the signatures of 61 dealers. A motion made by Alderman Schunka, however, that enforcement of the ordinance be suspended until the next meeting when an attempt will be made to repeal it, was voted down by the council.

The merchants, it appeared, had been spurred to action by the arrest yesterday of Max Solof and Ray L. Farmer, business men, each of whom is charged with displaying wares on the sidewalk. Both men were arrested by Officer Birchett.

Taxi Problem Ahead. Another question which undoubtedly will come before the council at its next meeting, has to do with a proposed parking depot for local motor busses. A petition signed by 57 State street tenants requesting that the aldermen take some action in removing the chauffeurs from State street was referred to the ordinance committee and will be reported on in two weeks.

Resolutions asking for bids for improvement work on Capitol street between Shipping and Madison streets, on North Fourth between Market and Hood streets and on Cottage street between D and Market streets were adopted last night. Bids for asphalt which were read were referred to the street committee which was given power to act. Bids received from the Warren Construction company and from the L. O. Herold company of Salem for the paving work on North Summer street from Market street to the Fairgrounds road, were also referred to the street committee.

Utter Is Riled

Introduction by Alderman Wenderoth of several more sidewalk resolutions last night brought Councilman F. L. Utter out of his chair to deliver an indignation speech.

"I wish to say, Mr. Mayor, that when Mr. Wenderoth retires from services in this body he will have the record of laying more worthless paper for the city than any other man who ever served on this council," Dr. Utter remarked.

"That's the gentleman's privilege," Mayor Halvorsen answered. "Yes, I know it," Dr. Utter retorted, "but it's serious business nevertheless, and I'm getting sick of it."

Want U. S. S. Oregon. Fourth street sidewalks lined would be changed by 12 residents of the street who last night filed a petition embodying that request. (Continued on Page Five.)

Stove Explosion Wraps Tourist In Gasoline Flames

Witnesses Rescue P. B. Conklin, of Los Angeles, by Prompt Action at Auto Camp Grounds This Morning; Recovery of Victim Expected by Hospital Authorities

P. B. Conklin of Los Angeles probably owes his life to the prompt action of two men in neighboring camps when they succeeded in extinguishing flames that were rapidly enveloping him following this morning about 11 o'clock at the explosion of a small gas stove the Salem auto camp grounds. Gasoline flew all over Mr. Conklin, and immediately burst into flames, but the two men rushed to his assistance and smothered the fire with a sheet of canvas and a heavy comforter.

The victim was badly burned about the face, hands and on one leg, but as near as could be determined early this afternoon the wounds are only on the surface, according to reports from the Salem Deaconess hospital, where he was taken immediately following the accident.

Mrs. Conklin, who with her husband, is on her way to Portland from the southern city, was boiling clothes over the stove when the accident happened, according to her account of the affair. Suddenly, without apparent cause the stove burst, blowing out one end of the gasoline tank, and spraying Mr. Conklin with the fuel which sprang into flame. Although she was near by, she was unharmed by the flames.

Mr. Conklin sprang away from the stove immediately, and according to witnesses succeeded in removing his coat as he ran. F. J. Phillips, a neighboring camper, on seeing the burning man, ran to his rescue with a canvas tarpaulin, throwing it around the blazing man. Robert James Reed, another camper, also ran to his assistance with a heavy comforter, which was more effective in stopping the flames than the stiff tarpaulin.

The flames of the victim, which were afterwards found near the spot, were probably instrumental in saving his eyes from being destroyed by the direct blast of flame from the stove. His eyes are swollen, however, and further developments may show that they are more seriously injured than is supposed. According to the hospital attendants, it will be necessary for Mr. Conklin to remain here 10 days at the least calculation to be properly treated.

Mr. and Mrs. Conklin were motoring from Los Angeles to Portland, stopping here only last night. F. J. Phillips, who left soon after the accident, was here with his family from Colorado and camped near the Conklin automobile. Mr. Reed, the other man who aided in the rescue, is on his way to California from Portland, having been in Salem since Sunday morning.

Excess Levy For Schools Budget Lost. The proposed Salem public school budget, calling for an excess levy of 1 1/2 mills, or \$18,000 in excess of the six per cent tax limitation law, was rejected by the electorate yesterday evening by a majority of 205 votes. Four hundred eighty six votes were cast against the proposed budget, and 278 persons voted for it. The board will now have but \$107,000 on which to operate.

L. J. Simmer and Dr. H. H. Olinger were elected to membership on the school board. They were unopposed.

Fraud Case Centers On Land Value

District Attorney Tries to Prove Durdall Made False Statement As To Wealth. An unsigned statement of his assets and liabilities, and testimony of the value of the land on which he was able to get a loan of \$1500 on February 23, from the United States National bank, of Salem were the salient features in the trial of C. Burton Durdall, former proprietor of the Farmers Cash store, and indicted by the grand jury on June 4 for obtaining money under false pretenses, being heard today before Judge Percy Kelly of department No. 1 of the circuit court.

Taking the stand in his own behalf this morning, Durdall told the court that he had estimated the value of the 380 acres which he had set down in his statement to the bank as worth \$25 per acre, on what land adjoining his was being held for, which he said was \$50. He further stated that he had owed the bank money ever since he had been in business in Salem, which was about two years.

Assessor Testifies. District Attorney Carson yesterday afternoon sought to establish the worth of the land as below five dollars an acre by calling to the stand, Hiram Wade, county assessor of Toledo, Or., who stated that he had made a recent visit to the property and that he estimated the value because of its roughness, at \$2.50 per acre. Wade's testimony was followed by F. W. Chamber, also of Toledo, and employed in the county engineer's office, who stated that the value of the Durdall property in his opinion was worth five dollars an acre.

D. W. Eyre, president of the United States National bank was called to the stand late yesterday afternoon, and testified that he made the loan to Durdall on his representation of the 380 acres of land at \$25 per acre.

Denies Statement. "Didn't you say to Mrs. Durdall, that if the note could be fixed up, the prosecution of the defendant could be fixed up, too?" asked Attorney Winslow of the banker.

"No, I did not," flatly denied Eyre.

"Had you known that Durdall's statement was untrue, would you have made the loan?" asked Carson of the witness.

"I think not."

Dr. William Wells of Portland testified that Durdall's general health was bad when he left for the south and was arrested in Roseburg, presumably on his way to California, in April. Durdall, however, stated on the witness stand this morning that he had no intention of going to California.

Man Charged With Reckless Driving Pays Fine of \$10

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"Ten dollars," said the judge. Mr. Mitchell paid his fine. According to the officer, Mr. Mitchell drove his automobile over the barricade and lanterns at the corner of State and High streets where improvements are being made.

Invitation Sent U. S. by League Is Lost In Mail. Geneva, June 21.—The invitation of the league of nations asking the United States to participate in the "white slave" conference here in July has gone astray between the league office in this city and Washington. The league has a Swiss postal receipt for the regular letter containing the invitation but the letter never reached the American capital.

Bible School Jumps to 453 Enrollment

With 63 more students beginning work today in the daily vocational bible school the total enrollment has reached 453, far surpassing the number at first expected by those back of the movement. According to Alpheus Gillette, who has the work in charge, six extra teachers will be in the various schools tomorrow to meet the needs of the added numbers.

The enrollment by schools today was: Jason Lee Methodist 72; Baptist 83; First Methodist 160; Court street Christian 148.

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