

Average for 1920, 5250
Population of Salem, 1900, 4255;
1910, 14,094; 1920, 17,875
Marion County 1920, 47,177;
Polk county, 14,181
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OREGON: Tonight and Thursday fair; moderate westerly winds.

LOCAL: Maximum 85, minimum 54, no rainfall; river -1.3, stationary.

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BUT SIX AMERICANS FREED

Wrecks Laid To Current

Discovery of Freak Currents Due to Cross Winds Believed To Solve Disasters

Washington, Aug. 10.—A baffling phenomenon of ocean current tendencies, just discovered, probably accounts for the loss Saturday of the steamer Alaska and 47 lives on the California coast, it was announced here today, by Colonel Lester E. Jones, director of the coast and geodetic survey.

Girls' Body Recovered

Eureka, Cal., Aug. 10.—The body of a six year old girl was identified at the Eureka morgue today as that of Elaine Dyer, of LaGrande, Or. Only two bodies of the eighteen washed ashore here from the wreck Saturday night of the steamer Alaska now remain to be wholly identified.

The official government investigation of the Alaska's sinking is scheduled to begin today before John K. Bulger, supervising inspector of hulls and boilers.

Defense Says Trunk Body Not Mrs. Mahoney's

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 10.—The mutilated body found in a trunk in Lake Union here Monday is not that of Mrs. Kate M. Mahoney, wealthy Seattle woman who disappeared last April, Lee Johnston, attorney for James E. Mahoney, the missing woman's husband, declared today.

Royston Given Liberty; Salem People Go Bond

Rev. Fred R. Royston, under indictment in the federal court in Portland on the charge of violating the Mann white slave act in transporting Miss Frankie Edwards of this city from Oregon into Washington, was released from the Multnomah county jail last night on \$2000 bail furnished by H. J. Feathers and Mary J. Cook, both of Salem, according to advice received here today.

Jitneys Constitute 73 Percent of All Highway Traffic

Passenger automobiles bearing Oregon license plates constitute 72.8 per cent of the traffic over Oregon highways according to a traffic survey just completed by highway department.

The census shows the Pacific highway to be the most heavily traveled in the state, 1922 vehicles being counted at the New Era bridge, south of Oregon City on the three days, as against only 1335 counted at the west city limits of Rainier, the heavy traffic point on the Columbia river highway.

Only 15 vehicles, of which 13 were passenger automobiles, crossed Sage Hen hill on the Central Oregon highway in the three days.

Jim Lee Guilty; Chung Freed of Opium Charge

Jim Lee, local Chinaman charged with frequenting an opium joint, was fined \$40 and sentenced to 20 days in jail while Lee Chung, arrested in the same raid was dismissed in the police trial of the two men this afternoon.

Jim Lee, operator of an opium pipe found working in a room at 85 South High street when Chief of Police Morfitt and W. J. Jeffries, of the state narcotic squad, raided the building last night, spent the night in the city jail when he was unable to furnish the \$50 bail asked for his release.

Judging from the two taals of clear opium, half a pound of yeh-shen, an opium pipe of expensive quality, needles, eight lamp bowls, alcohol lamp, scales and torn playing cards (on which the drug is sold) the officers believe they have put the lid on the source from which most of the addicts in Salem have been securing their supply of the drug.

Chung is believed to have been peddling the opium to the local patrons of the dreamy pipe.

Salemite One of Reorganizers of Morris Brothers

A. M. Fanning of Salem is one of the incorporators of the Morris Brothers corporation, organized for the purpose of taking over the defunct Morris Brothers bond house in Portland, and for which articles of incorporation were filed with the state corporation department here today.

The other incorporators are Leroy Chambers, J. D. Duback, S. C. Jaeger, F. A. McGuin and H. M. Lake of Portland; Charles Cleveland of Gresham, J. M. Clapp of Seattle and James C. Cunningham of Walla Walla.

The new corporation is capitalized at \$2,900,000 of which \$1,700,000 is common stock and \$1,200,000 preferred stock, cumulative, bearing 6 per cent interest.

The articles provide that no dividends are to be declared on the common stock of the corporation until there is any surplus accruing will be allowed to accumulate for the purpose of retiring the preferred stock at the option of the corporation at \$1.05 a share and accrued dividends.

Forty-two for Bale. New York, Aug. 10.—Babe Ruth hit his forty-second home run of the season today in the third inning of the Yankees game with Chicago. One man was on base.

Repeal of Profits Tax Agreed on

House Republicans Decide to Eliminate Sur Tax and Transportation Taxes Also

Washington, Aug. 10.—Repeal of excess profits tax and income surtaxes above 32 per cent, effective as of last January one, and all of the freight and passenger transportation taxes, as of next January was agreed upon today by republicans of the house ways and means committee, Chairman Fordney announced.

The committee majority also agreed to increase the normal income tax on corporations 5 per cent, making a total of 15 per cent instead of 12 1/2 per cent as suggested at the White House tax conference last night.

Oppose Railroad Funding. Opposition to the administration bill for funding about \$500,000,000 for the railroads developed openly today before the senate interstate commerce committee.

Senator LaFollette, republican, Wisconsin, opened fire on the bill while democratic senators characterized the proposal as a loan to the railroads.

Director Meyer, of the war finance corporation, defended the bill vigorously as a measure for general country-wide as well as railroad rehabilitation and denied that it was a loan or a handout.

Bankruptcy Followed. Senator LaFollette referred to loans by the war finance corporation to the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company and a New Orleans street railway company which he said son afterwards became bankrupt.

Director Meyer replied that he regarded the B. R. T. loan as "eventually good" and said the New Orleans loan had been paid in full.

Chinese Protest Any Renewal of Anglo-Jap Pact

Shanghai, Aug. 10.—The Shanghai Chinese chamber of commerce heads a group of twenty Chinese bodies in Shanghai in a vigorous protest against any renewal of the Anglo-Japanese treaty.

The protest directed to the British parliament in part says: "The Anglo-Japanese alliance heretofore has weakened Chinese esteem for the British people owing to aggression of Japan attributed by all the east as having arisen from the treaty. If renewed, the feeling of Chinese citizens will certainly be aggravated having a direct influence on trade."

Ottenhimer Pays Fine for Driving Against Traffic. H. J. Ottenhimer of Portland, formerly a hop dealer in Salem, pleaded guilty to a charge of driving his automobile on the wrong side of Commercial street before Police Judge Earl Rasmussen yesterday afternoon and paid a fine of \$5.

The charge on the police blotter against Ottenhimer, who said that he had recently presided over a safety first traffic meeting in Portland, was that of driving on the wrong side of Commercial street at the rate of 35 miles an hour.

Salem Firm Files Answer to Suit. Stating that the plaintiffs raised their prices on patterns contracted for, the firm of Rostein and Greenbaum, filed their answer to the complaint of the Home Patterns company of New York asking for a judgment of \$337, due on bills.

The answer stated that the firm was to have the patterns at a given price, and that the New York firm failed to send a list of the old patterns, causing a loss to the Salem concern of \$157.74.

Independence hoppers have fixed picking prices for the season. They will pay \$6 cents a box for picking and \$3 a day for common labor. It is expected that 300 pickers will be employed when the picking season opens, about September 1.

Six Prisoners Allowed To Leave Russia Today; All Promised Liberty

Petrified Giant Found In Tennessee

Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 10.—Workmen of the Keene Strunk Coal company at Hellenwood, Scott county, have found buried in the earth and petrified a giant six feet four inches tall. About its neck was a beautiful chain. The fingers are perfect with long tapering nails. The hands are folded across the breast. On either side of its head are two horns each about four inches in length. Its weight is about 450 pounds.

Dried Fruit Market Now On Up Grade

The market for dried fruits has reached its lowest ebb and the trend from this time on will be toward better prices and a stronger demand. Earnest S. Sergeant, president of Butler & Sergeant, Inc., of New York, one of the largest firms dealing in dried fruits in the country, told the 150 members of the Oregon Growers Cooperative association and others interested in the dried fruit situation, at the association picnic at the fair grounds this afternoon.

Mr. Sergeant explained that there was no reason to expect the market to be as flourishing as during the high tide seasons of the war period, because of the tighter money market. Crops which were moved in three or four months during those times will now be stretched out over seven or eight months he declared.

President Plans Long Vacation

Washington, Aug. 10.—Should congress recess late this month, President and Mrs. Harding may leave Washington for an extended vacation. No definite plans have been made, however, it was stated today.

Weston, Iowa, Bank Is Robbed

Weston, Iowa, Aug. 10.—The Weston State bank was held up and robbed today by two men who escaped in an automobile. They secured about \$2500. Weston is a small town on the Rock Island railroad a short distance from Council Bluffs.

While admitting that they would undoubtedly handle some prunes this year, local cannerymen were silent today in the matter of estimates of what their packs would be and whether or not the price to be paid would reach the \$1.50 per bushel mark.

Canneries Are Silent As To Prune Prices

The prolonged drought over the Willamette valley is cutting to still lower figures the prune crop estimates, which were short early in the season, because of the increased dropping of fruit in the orchards and many growers are reported to be figuring on marketing their prunes to the cannery, rather than assuming the expense of operating their dryers to handle the small pick.

In the Dallas district the independent growers, who own practically all of the larger orchards, have announced that they will sell to the cannery if they can secure \$1.50 per bushel. Few of them have made any preparations to operate their dryers, many having cancelled their contracts for wood.

Released Men Reach Reval by Auto In Early Morning and Are Cared For by Red Cross; Way Cleared for Operation of American Relief; Brown and Litvinoff Open Conferences

Riga, Latvia, Aug. 10.—A guarantee that all Americans remaining in Russia will be given an opportunity to leave that country, if they desired, was offered today by Maxim Litvinoff, soviet representative, at a conference held this afternoon with Walter L. Brown, European director of the American relief administration over the question of American relief for famine stricken Russia.

Riga, Aug. 10.—Soviet Russia has released six of the American prisoners, who have arrived at Narva Estonia, but the fact that only this half dozen of Americans were sent out of the country was said here today to threaten a long delay in and perhaps the abandonment of the negotiations for American famine relief for Russia.