

GAS PRICES AT LOWEST LEVEL IN YEARS NOW

New York, Aug. 26.—Automobilists of the country are enjoying the lowest gasoline prices of the year. In scores of cities motorists are paying from three to five cents a gallon less than the year's peak in July. The average price in 30 representative cities, however, is still five cents above the low level hit last summer during the trade depression.

New York leaders in the oil business deny a trade war exists, though they admit that there is a fight to obtain all the business offered. Price slashing is ascribed solely to over-production. Shipments eastward from the Pacific coast, where over-production first manifested itself have depressed the oil business in mid-continental fields.

C. D. Wilson in the current issue of the oil and gas journal says:

"The increased recovery of gasoline from crude petroleum, the accumulation of gasoline stocks in coastal territories and the failure of many refiners to adjust their production to a slackened demand in their territories are the principal factors in the weakness of the motor fuel market."

"Although gasoline stocks January 1 were larger than necessary, refiners added 396,290,555 gallons to this storage on July 1. Only 22,000,000 gallons were taken from storage in June. The export demand fell off during the recent high price levels. It is said, and even now is far below normal."

OPEN FORUM

Contributions to this column must be plainly written on one side of paper only, limited to 300 words in length and signed with the name of the writer. Articles not meeting these specifications will be rejected.

To the Editor:—Please add my letter, as I know of persons putting an ad. in your Open Forum in the past and they did well, so thought I would try my luck. I would like to meet a good, honest, clean man who would consider matrimony. I am 35 years old, have two little ones. No triflers need answer address.

MRS. ESIROM AMON.
General delivery, Salem, Or.

To the Editor:—I hereby express appreciation and respect (and in doing this I but the echo of the community) for our excellent neighbor, Parsons, whose untimely end came last week. He was a man of excellent reputation and moral conduct. It would be well if others would emulate his Christian life and conduct.

West Salem, Or., Aug. 25.

LARU WILL OPPOSE DEMPSEY 2 ROUNDS

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 26.—(A. P.)—The heavyweight comedian at the Olympic club, Bill Laru, who formerly had inspirations to become a heavyweight fighter, has been signed to oppose Jack Dempsey in the first half of a four-round exhibition match at the ball park here on Labor day.

Although nobody seems particularly anxious to go into the ring as opponent number 2, it is reported that Jim Herman of Portland will probably attempt to stay the last two rounds with the champion.

THRIFT IS TAUGHT IN LOS ANGELES SCHOOLS

Los Angeles.—The teaching of thrift has become part of the curriculum of nearly 200 public schools here. The subject involves the "value of a savings account" and "home and business economy."

Establishment of a school savings department, advocated by Los Angeles banks as a division of the course, has produced what is termed "amazing results." Up to July 1, there had been opened 65,475 school savings accounts with \$686,000 on deposit to the credit of students.

COVETED BACHELOR LANDED

London, Eng.—Lord Glenconner, England's most eligible bachelor in the eyes of society mothers with marriageable daughters, is engaged to Miss Pamela Paget, the younger daughter of Sir Richard and Lady Muriel Paget. He is 25 years old, very wealthy and inherited many business interests as well as the famous Tennant collection of pictures, a part of which sold for \$1,000,000 two years ago.

Nearly Died On Birthday

"On my last birthday, eight months ago, I had another close call. We had just finished dinner. My stomach began to hurt me, a minute later I lay unconscious. Three doctors worked on me. I was soaked with a cold sweat when I came to. The next week, telling a friend about it and he advised trying Mayr's Wonderful Remedy. Since taking a course of your medicine I have been able to eat anything. I have no more pains or bloating and am feeling better than for ten years." It is a simple, harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded. J. C. Perry, D. J. Fry, druggists everywhere.—Adv.

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MR. & MRS. RUDOLPH VALENTINO

This affectionate looking farewell of Rudolph and Mrs. Valentino in Los Angeles is followed by her announcement that she and the sheik have parted. "If she should seek a divorce in Paris, I would defer to her wishes," said Valentino.

ELKS TO OCCUPY TEMPLE SUNDAY FOR FIRST TIME

The Salem Elks will move into their new \$200,000 temple next Saturday and the building will be opened to members for the first time Sunday, it was stated today by W. I. Needham, exalted ruler of the local lodge. Both the old and the new temples will be closed all day Saturday while the moving is taking place, Needham stated. A special committee has been appointed to take charge of all details involving the moving. The committee consists of Dr. C. H. O'Neil, Max Page and D. G. Drager, three past exalted rulers. The next regular meeting of the Elks will be held in the old temple on North Liberty street, being called to order there by the exalted ruler. After coming to order the Elks will march in a body to the new temple at the corner of State and Cottage streets, finishing their meeting there. The meeting will be held at the next regular date, the first Thursday in September, which occurs on September 3.

A committee for dedication ceremonies will be appointed at that time, Needham has stated. Definite date for dedication will not be set until after the committee has been appointed.

A public reception, to which the general public will be invited, will be held sometime in September. At that time the temple will be thrown open for inspection by anyone who cares to go through the temple. Those who have already seen the inside of the place declare that in many respects it is not surpassed by any building on the coast. The interior decorations, arranged under the supervision of Henry Meyers, have come into being under the first of favorable comment.

Sunday's opening day will be for the benefit of members of the lodge only. First excavation for the building was begun about the first of May, 1924. The construction alone has cost approximately \$200,000, and the furnishings an additional \$25,000.

Dusseldorf, Germany, Aug. 25.—(A. P.)—The French and Belgian troops today evacuated Dusseldorf, Dulsburg and Ruhrort, the "sanctions cities" which they had occupied since 1921.

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HYLAN ATTACKS AL SMITH; GRAFT IS INTIMATED

New York, Aug. 26.—Politicians were amazed today by Mayor Hylan's attack on Governor Smith, who is opposing the mayor for re-nomination.

The attack, contained in a letter to United States Senator Royal S. Copeland, is generally considered as another indication that the mayor, with the backing of W. H. Hearst, will run as an independent if defeated in the primaries September 15.

On the other hand republicans say the democratic primary is a battle between Governor Smith and Mr. Hearst for the control of the New York delegation to the democratic national convention in 1928, saw in a possible three-cornered fight a good chance to elect a republican mayor.

Mayor Hylan said it was time to "call a spade a spade" and an "underworld grafter" and mentioned no names in connection with these phrases. He linked the governor and Senator James W. Walker, his Tammany opponent for the democratic nomination, with the traction interests.

His defeat, he wrote, would mean a wide open town and ten-cent car fares. Both the mayor and Senator Walker gained adherents. Senator Copeland and former Governor William Sulzer came out for Hylan. State Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Staten Island endorsed Walker.

Three former governors promised to stump for Frank D. Waterman and the republican organization ticket. They were Charles Evans Hughes, Nathan Miller and Charles S. Whitman.

Washington, Aug. 26.—(A. P.) The Washington government formally accepted today China's invitation to participate in the customs conference in Peking October 24.

MURRAY TO FIGHT FOR LIFE; PLEA OF INSANITY IS LIKELY

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"The first we knew that he had got in trouble was the time of the Florence bank robbery." It was for the robbery of the bank at Florence that Murray was sentenced to serve 20 years in the Oregon prison. "When Tom was a little boy he was bright and he got along well in school. He took an interest in his work and he liked it. He first became restless after an accident, although I don't know whether the accident had anything to do with it or not."

Insanity Plea Hinted.

When he was 13, the father explained, Tom and a companion were throwing rocks one day at a squirrel in a tree. The boys were on opposite sides of the tree and a rock thrown by his companion hit Tom in the forehead, cutting a gash from which he still wears a scar. After that Tom lost interest in his work quite suddenly and soon after ran away from home.

"I have always thought something was wrong with Tom's mind. When he was sent to the penitentiary for the Florence bank robbery we thought about sending him to the 'bug house,' but we decided that the punishment might do him good so we never made any move to have him sent there."

Asked how Tom had received his visit yesterday, Mr. Murray declared that "he's in good spirits, taking it a lot better than I thought he could." He related that he had told his son that while he did not condone for a minute the thing which Tom had done, yet his family would nevertheless stand by him.

First Blot on Family. "Don't you worry about it," the son replied and repeated again and again during the interview: "Just forget about it, dad, I'll get along all right."

"It hits us pretty hard," the father admitted, speaking of the family. "We have been living on Brainbridge Island for 37 years and there has never been any trouble. We have the family record that goes back for more than a hundred years and no one of us has ever got in trouble before." A companion who brought the fam-

ily to Salem in his car volunteered the information that the Murrays were highly respected in the community and that a petition would be sent to Governor Pierce signed by hundreds of friends asking for clemency.

Mr. Murray was asked what he thought of Phillip Carson's act in betraying Tom at the time of his capture in Washington. "I don't know much about it," he replied, "but as I understand it, it was despicable, despicable."

Mrs. Murray is nearly prostrate with grief and was assisted to and from the car and the prison yesterday. She was dressed entirely in black. The three members of the family who visited here yesterday gave the appearance of a dignified and conservative family group. There was nothing to indicate in any way that one of their

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number could be a criminal. The father conversed with newspaper men in a quiet manner answering questions without hesitation, occasionally, without showing any resentment at the publicity which he of necessity has received. He did, however, say that "I haven't read the newspapers much because I just couldn't stand it."

The family will return to Salem at the time of the trial, it was said.

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