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FAIR TONIGHT
And Friday, except showers tonight to
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BEGIN PROBE OF AIR SERVICE

BUTTER AND EGG THIEVES BUSY AGAIN

Creamery Robbers Break Into Silverton Plant And Get 350 Pounds of Butter, 3 Cases Eggs.

The Silver Creek Creamery of Silverton was added last night to the long list of creameries in Oregon and Washington that have been looted by an apparently organized band of creamery robbers. At Silverton entrance was made at the rear of the creamery and seemingly everything handy to the touch was moved out.

The robbers secured 350 pounds of butter, three cases of eggs, \$12 in money and two cases of fillers. The cash register was wrecked in getting the money from it.

Robbers worked the hooks loose on the back door in getting into the creamery. Someone called the creamery on the telephone yesterday afternoon asking if the proprietor was there. He was told he was not and would not be back until the next day. The party called refused to give his name, and creamery employees believe that someone connected with the robbery called up. Deputy Sheriff Sam Burkhardt investigated the robbery today.

Creameries at Hubbard, St. Paul, Aurora and Mount Hood all have been entered and robbed the past few weeks, and the same thing has happened in a number of Washington towns. It is believed an organized gang is working, probably out of Portland, staging a robbery in Washington and another in Oregon, hitting unexpectedly at various points. Officers are of the belief that the gang either has a connection with some store in Portland or a store at their own through which the loot is disposed of.

MEDFORD FEARS LOSS OF RAILWAY

The city of Medford, according to a telegram received by the public service commission Wednesday from John H. Carlin, Medford city attorney, has become alarmed over the operations of W. S. Barnum, who is said to have torn up the Medford Coast railway in the city of Jacksonville with the intention of tearing it up all the way to Medford.

Barnum, who owns the road, some time ago petitioned the commission for authority to dismantle the line. A hearing was dated, but had to be postponed, and apparently Barnum is now acting on his own initiative. Attorney Carlin says if he is not stopped he will have the entire line, a distance of five miles to the city of Medford, torn out in a week and that the city will back the commission in any move to stop him. Should Barnum tear out the road, says Carlin, the right of way will revert to the original owners of the property. The commission has not yet decided what action will be taken.

Eastern Newspaper Devotes Full Page To Salem Musician

A full page article, written by Dr. Carl Gregg Doney, president of Williamette university, about Professor T. S. Roberts, well known musician of this city, has appeared in the Brooklyn Eagle. In the article Dr. Doney describes the life of Professor Roberts from earliest childhood, including the episode which caused his blindness, up until the present time. Photographs are shown, taken at his home in Salem.

At the age of four years "Tommy" Roberts could play the piano by note, the article declares. When he was that age he was playing with a companion one day, when a childhood quarrel arose and his companion, becoming angry, struck young Tommy in the eye

FARM RELIEF LEGISLATION IS UNLIKELY

Cooperative Marketing Is Only Proposal Having Chance With Congress Leaders Believe.

Washington, Sept. 17.—(A. P.)—Whether the administration will submit any new farm relief proposals at the coming session of congress, or merely will stand on its recommendations of the past, has become a much debated question. It generally is agreed that the co-operative marketing legislation, advocated unsuccessfully last winter by the president's agricultural conference, will again be endorsed by the White House and majority leaders in congress believe that in one form or another it can be passed. But the outlook for a farm legislative program of a more general character is dubious.

Conference Unlikely.

Early last month it was announced at the summer White House at Swampscott, that President Coolidge would reconvene the agricultural conference to draft such a general farm program. Secretary Jardine, however, does not favor that course and in addition the president has heard advice of varying character from many outside sources.

As a result, it is the belief of some high officials that if the

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DEBT FUNDING NEGOTIATIONS START SEPT. 24

Washington, Sept. 17.—(A. P.)—Negotiations for the funding of France's four billion dollar debt to the United States will begin here one week from today.

Acting Secretary Winston of the treasury department, the secretary of the American debt commission, issued a call today for a meeting of the American commission at ten o'clock next Thursday morning, by which time the French mission, headed by Finance Minister Callois, will have arrived in Washington.

The president has asked Mr. Winston and Myron T. Herrick, American ambassador to France, to meet the French mission in New York. French Ambassador Daeschner also will be there.

Plans contemplate an immediate trip from New York to Washington and this will permit the French delegation to have next Wednesday to prepare for the formal meeting the next day.

Meantime, treasury experts and members of the American commission are gathering all data having a bearing on the French economic and fiscal position. The treasury now has ten volumes representing individual and unofficial studies bearing on the French capacity to pay.

with a broken dish, seriously impairing the sight of the one eye. A doctor was immediately summoned, who bandaged both eyes and kept him indoors for a number of months. One day Tommy, becoming impatient at the restraint, and knowing that his parents were out of the house, tore the bandage from his eyes and went out of doors.

The result of his escape was fatal. For five years efforts were made to save his sight, but without success.

He attended the Overton school for the blind, at Philadelphia, graduating from the school at the age of 22 years. It was following his graduation that he came to

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SAYS CONGRESS MUST APPROVE BAKER PROJECT

Washington, Sept. 17.—(A. P.)—The attorney general today advised Secretary Work that he lacked authority to construct the Baker reclamation project in Oregon without awaiting action by congress.

The attorney general said in an opinion that "it is your duty to withhold the beginning of construction and to lay the matter before congress for such action as it may deem proper."

The ruling was regarded as establishing a precedent for reclamation projects, the administration of which has been the subject of criticism recently from western members of congress.

TO CUT LIMIT OF FISH TAKEN OREGON LAKES

Portland, Sept. 17.—A reduction in the bag limit on game fish taken in East, Diamond and Elk lakes will be recommended by State Game Warden E. F. Averill at the next meeting of the game commission, he announced today after his return from a trip on which he and Commissioner Bauer of Corvallis inspected the lakes and visited sportsmen's organizations in Medford, Klamath Falls and Bend.

It was estimated that 30 tons of fish had been taken out of East lake during the season. Averill said, fifteen thousand visitors, most of them from outside the state, had visited Diamond lake and most of them had fished. Many fish had been wasted, he declared.

The present bag limit is 20 pounds and one fish or not more than 40 pounds and one fish in seven days. The latter amount can be taken in two days, however.

Averill will also recommend a shortening of the season at the lakes so that anglers will not be able to lawfully fish through holes in the ice in the early season.

The lease in the Short creek hatchery site at Diamond lake was renewed.

BRITISH ENVOY TO CONFERENCE WILL BE BARRED

Washington, Sept. 17.—(A. P.)—The American government has thrown up the bars against Sjur Saklatvala, communist member of the British house of commons, who sought to visit the United States as a British delegate to the inter-parliamentary union to convene here next month.

Because of Saklatvala's inflammatory and revolutionary speeches in parliament and elsewhere, Secretary Kellogg has ordered revoked, under the immigration law the passport visa which already had been granted him in London.

"I do not believe in curbing free speech, nor do I believe in making this country the stamping ground for every agitator of other countries," Secretary Kellogg declared, in announcing the decision to bar him from American shores.

The administration's decision, which is in flat conflict with the expressed view of Chairman Borah of the senate relations committee, was announced immediately after the secretary had conferred at the White House late yesterday with President Coolidge and Representative Burton of Ohio, a member of the arrangements committee for the inter-parliamentary meeting. The secretary's announcement quoted from recent utterances of Saklatvala in parliament and elsewhere from which it was concluded that his reason for coming to this country was to spread communism.

Saklatvala, who had made known his views on the matter to Secretary Kellogg before the decision was announced, declared before he knew that Saklatvala's passport visa had been ordered revoked that he considered such a course unnecessary and unwelcome. He believed it would imply a greater restriction on free speech in the United States than in Great Britain. None of Saklatvala's revolutionary utterances in his own country, the senator said, had yet brought action.

"If he comes here and does violate any law put him in jail," Senator Borah said.

IOWA WINNER FOR BEST BUTTER MADE IN NATION

Portland, Or., Sept. 17.—Iowa was the national winner at the National Creamery Buttermakers' association contest, it was announced today at the convention of the association here. The final average of the ten highest scores in the various contests by states were: Iowa, 94.79; Minnesota, 94.239; Wisconsin, 93.561; Oregon, 92.913; South Dakota, 92.571.

The highest individual score in the fresh butter contest was made by J. M. Rasmussen of St. Charles, Minn., with 95. The highest individual score for cold storage butter went to L. E. Nelson of Randall, Iowa, 95.50.

The Oregon team of butter judges defeated teams from six other states in competition.

The Oregon Buttermakers' association today elected H. A. Colt of St. Helens, president; C. W. Laughlin of Astoria, vice-president and V. D. Chappell of Corvallis, secretary-treasurer.

Fred H. Leighton of Sioux Falls, S. D., was elected president of the National Creamery Buttermakers' association; H. C. Rayner of Portland, Or., was elected vice-president; A. W. Rudolph of Ames, Iowa, treasurer; and James Rasmussen of Albert Lea, Minn., secretary.

Sioux Falls, S. D., was selected for next year's convention.

Prizes were announced as follows:

Silver loving cup for highest percentage of exhibited—First, Oregon; second, Washington.

Highest scoring butter in Oregon—First, Frank Hetwer of Mt. Angel; second, Adolph Erickson of Portland; third, Fred Erickson of H. W. Bradshaw of Eugene, H. H. Haroldsen of Portland and Frank Hetwer of Mt. Angel.

Team butter judging contest—First, Oregon; second, Idaho and Iowa; third, Washington; fourth, Minnesota; fifth, South Dakota; sixth, Montana.

SHIPPERS OF LUMBER BACK ESPEE STAND

Fourteen Concerns Sign Statement Approving Southern Pacific Plan At Klamath Falls.

Klamath Falls, Sept. 17.—(A. P.)—A statement issued today signed by fourteen lumber concerns of Klamath Falls explained why they are backing the Southern Pacific's plan of railroad development as against that of the Oregon Trunk. The Southern Pacific proposes extensions including an outlet to the east from Klamath Falls, while the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, which own the Oregon Trunk plan an extension from Bend to Klamath Falls, and on into California.

The statement declares that the "two programs may be regarded as alternative inasmuch as the Southern Pacific has expressed the opinion that it cannot afford to carry its comprehensive plans into effect under competitive conditions meaning a division of tonnage."

Not Enough For Both.

"We believe that the tonnage available in a given area is plainly in sight and the practices of trade will very clearly delineate its proper movement to market. Railroad facilities can arrest the rapid development or retard the movement of this tonnage, but the entrance of a railroad cannot bring its tonnage with it. When two railroad systems seek to enter a

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STOLEN SEDAN LOCATED HERE

A sedan that was stolen from J. P. O'Day in Eugene, Tuesday night, was found in Salem late last night abandoned at the foot of Bush street. Earl A. Armstrong told the police that he saw three men leaving the abandoned car and his description of them tallies with the description of three men who were frightened away from the Fairmount Dairy store by Officer Wintecourt about two weeks ago. Officers looked for the thieves throughout the night.

James H. Young, 375 Court street, reported to the police at 11:50 o'clock last night that his Buick touring car had been stolen from near Court and Church streets. The theft was made known to all police centers up and down the valley.

A Ford touring car belonging to Ralph Felley of Dallas was badly wrecked and Mr. Felley received severe injuries when he collided with another motorist in West Salem. The other driver is believed to have been C. A. Robinson of Portland.

Vancouver Kiwanis Win

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 17.—Vancouver Kiwanis golfers defeated teams from other cities in the Pacific northwest in team match play of the Kiwanis tournament here yesterday. Corvallis, Or., finished second.

Hill Fathers Bill Seeking Repeal 18th Amendment

Columbus, Neb., Sept. 17.—(A. P.)—Congressman John Phillip Hill of Maryland will introduce a bill in the national congress in December providing for the repeal of the eighteenth amendment, he declared on arrival at the Mid-Neb. Exposition here this afternoon.

"The law has been tested and proved an utter failure," Mr. Hill said today. "The time has come when, for the sake of the constitution, if nothing else, it must be repealed."

He said he favors local option.

The report of the Federated Church Council in Washington, said Congressman Hill, "was in effect an admission that prohibition is enforced only in communities where the people want enforcement and is not enforced where public sentiment is against enforcement."

Hill described the Volstead act as the "greatest breeder of corruption in the entire history of the federal government." While it remains on the statute books, Hill said, it would cause a definite handicap on the whole federal judicial system.

"The system of courts has broken down under prohibition. When Congress meets I shall propose a federal police magistrate system, unless we can eliminate the Volstead act. The present corruption must stop."

Hill recalled that the late President Harding in one of his messages to congress referred to matters relating to prohibition as "the greatest scandal in the history of the country" and described the Volstead act as "a cause rending the moral fiber of the nation."

"Enforcement of prohibition, like the enforcement of any other federal law, should be entirely separated from political domination by the Anti-Saloon league or any other political group or party," Hill concluded.

SALEM TRAFFIC OFFICER STOPPED LOUISIGNOT HERE

The reason why Ed Louisignot failed to stop when halted by C. P. Talbot, state traffic officer, late Tuesday morning and began a flight which ended in his death, was that he thought an investigation had been made of him in Salem, through which he had passed about half an hour before, it was suggested today by C. L. Hickman, city traffic officer, who reported that he had stopped Louisignot on South Commercial street here when Louisignot was passing through the city on his way to Albany.

Hickman noticed that the man carried no license plate in the rear of his car, and halted him opposite the paper will here.

"He told me he was on his way to see his sick mother," said Hickman this morning. "He said he was part owner in a garage at Vancouver, Wash., and that when he got to Albany he would telephone his partner at Vancouver and have him send to Albany a new set of dealer's license plates. That man gave me to understand that he would spend several days in Albany, staying with his mother there."

Hickman demanded the man's name and address, and let him go, he states. The man gave him the name of Ed Signot. "He put up a good line," says Hickman, "and due to his age I let him go. He was gray haired, and appeared to be about 50 years old. It appeared that he might have been the father of the woman who was with him."

Louisignot, or Signot, was detained enough at the time Hickman stopped him here, he says, showing his disposition to break away. "I think possibly he thought that I'd investigated," he said this morning. "He knew that if I had and he stopped for another officer he would be stuck."

ALLEGED SWINDLER CAUGHT

Pendleton, Sept. 17.—(A. P.)—Brady, said to be wanted in Portland on embezzlement charges and for whom an active search has been made for over a year was arrested here last night by Tom Gurdane, chief of police on description furnished by E. B. Hood, O. W. R. & N. search agent.

A telegram from Captain John Moore of the Portland police department stated that he was sending a special man here today from Portland to get Brady.

MRS. DOMM PUT ON PROBATION FOR FIVE YEARS

Portland, Or., Sept. 17.—(A. P.)—Mrs. Mabel Domm came into federal court today with a five-months' child in her arms and pleaded guilty to a charge of sending a blackmailing letter through the mails. Judge R. S. Bean placed her on probation for five years, at the suggestion of Deputy Federal District Attorney Millay E. McGilchrist.

When notified earlier this week by the district attorney's office to appear to answer the indictment against her, Mrs. Domm sent word that she could not come, because she had no means of transportation from her mountain home on Panther creek, near Carlton, and would come only if a closed car were provided and she could come home the same day. She said her baby could not sleep in a strange bed. Then the officers went after her.

Mrs. Domm admitted having written to Ned Peterson of Mist, Or., threatening to expose alleged irregularities in obtaining two timber claims from the government unless he would give her \$10,000, or half of what was supposed to have been received through sale of the claims.

STOCK SELLERS SAY GOD LOCATED MINE; OFFICERS DOUBTFUL

San Francisco, Sept. 17.—Literature of the Carson Valley Mining company sent out during a stock selling campaign amounting in total to \$200,000 has caused the state corporation commission to order an explanation of the reasons why the company boasted of special providential influence in financing a mining enterprise in Nevada.

The commission has set Friday, September 25, as the date when officials of the company, among whom is a prominent minister of San Jose, will appear to show cause why their license should not be revoked. It is the religious claims of divine protection to investors that the commission proposes to particularly inquire into.

The Rev. William Keeney Towne, pastor of the San Jose First Baptist church, is secretary-treasurer of the mining concern, and has admitted authorship of the literature. But he said he had "tried to keep within the law."

Since the organization of the company in 1923 at San Jose, Cal., approximately \$35,000 of the total capitalization of \$200,000 has been subscribed, Rev. Towne said.

Literature of the company sets forth that the "greatest guarantee of success is the presence and approval of God" and that "God has committed a great and exceedingly rich gold quartz ledge" to the company. It offers \$200 annual return.

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BODY OF BABE DISCOVERED IN CESSPOOL

Mystery of Four-Year-Old Girl's Disappearance Is Solved; Missing Parents Are Sought.

Stockton, Cal., Sept. 17.—The mystery of the sudden disappearance last December of four-year-old Lenora Aguilar at Tracy has been solved. The body, encased in a wooden box, was found last night in an abandoned cesspool at the Tracy residence formerly occupied by the child's stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zamora. They left the town two weeks ago and police are making a state-wide search for them.

The body was found by A. Delmuto, who is living on the place and three friends, Andrew Lewick, Louis Chenave and Joseph Sartori. They at once notified the authorities.

Delmuto claimed that he had a premonition that the child was buried somewhere on the place. He also said that he had dreamed that her body could be found there. Tuesday he started digging in the cesspool with the result that the body was unearthed.

On being questioned as to the whereabouts of her daughter, Mrs. Zamora told investigators that the child died in the county hospital but no child of that name had ever been in the institution.

Rumors persisted among the residents of the district that the child had been murdered and buried on the place. An older girl, Mary Johnson, an adopted child, told that her mother had drowned the little one in a tub of water and hidden the body.

PIERCE REFUSES TO PLEDGE STATE TO SETTLEMENT

Governor Pierce makes no definite promise to Elwood Meade, commissioner of the federal reclamation service, that the state will aid in colonizing the Vale project in a letter to Meade made public today. He says, however, that he will ask the 1927 legislature for a law completely reorganizing the reclamation system in this state.

As far as state aid in settling the Vale project is concerned, the governor says only that at least two sessions of the legislature will pass before the government can complete the project, and that because of over-congestion in the cities people will logically go back to the land, which should, he believes, insure settlement of the project.

The governor's letter is in reply to one of August 12 from Meade in which the commissioner indicated that a guarantee of state aid in settlement would be required before the government could proceed.

IRVING COBB VISITS ROUND UP

Pendleton, Or., Sept. 17.—With the city full of people and with the weather fair and clear, the greatest Thursday crowd in the history of the show was in process of gathering here for the Round Up performance this afternoon. A special feature of the performance today will be the arrival from Vancouver of the flight of 60 airplanes, including a pilot, Captain Lowell H. Smith and Lieutenant Arnold of world flight fame.

MITCHELL TO BE TRIED AT WASHINGTON

Court Martial Proceedings At Capitol—Civilian Investigators Consult Coolidge.

Washington, Sept. 17.—(A. P.)—Court martial proceedings which may be instituted against Colonel William Mitchell of the army air service are virtually certain to be ordered in Washington instead of San Antonio, Texas.

While the routine department officials are satisfied that ground for a military trial exists and that the ordering of a court will be necessary.

In view of that condition they have given attention to the question of where the trial shall be held and are endeavoring to have decided upon Washington as the best location in fairness both to Colonel Mitchell and to the war and navy departments which were involved in his charge.

Morrow Chairman.

The special board appointed by President Coolidge to inquire into the aircraft situation organized today with the selection of Dwight W. Morrow, New York financier, as chairman.

Holding its first meeting at the White House, all nine members of the board conferred with the president, who presented briefly his views. After nearly two hours of discussion behind closed doors, the board recessed for a luncheon engagement with the president and arranged to meet later in the day.

Gives Wide Latitude.

President Coolidge gave the board the widest latitude in adopting the course it is to pursue. He holds the nine members must determine largely for themselves the witnesses to be summoned and the nature of the testimony to be received.

Arthur C. Denison of Grand Rapids, Mich., was chosen vice-chairman of the board and William F. Durand of Los Angeles, secretary.

Washington, Sept. 17.—(A. P.)—Colonel William Mitchell, the stormy petrel of the air controversy, probably will be a chief witness before the naval court which is to inquire into the wreckage of the naval airship Shenandoah.

It will be the purpose to ask him to substantiate his published charge that the accident to the Shenandoah was a direct result of "the incompetency, criminal negligence and almost treasonable administration of the national defense by the navy and war departments."

An investigation looking to a possible court-martial of the former assistant chief of the army air service is now being conducted by the war department but officials have made it clear that this inquiry will not interfere with the calling of Mitchell as a witness either before the Shenandoah inquiry or the president's special aircraft board.

To question Mitchell the inquiry into the disaster will furnish an opportunity for the navy department to question Colonel Mitchell so as to develop precisely what he charged in connection with this case and what proof he has to offer. At the same time the department will be in a position then to reply.

While Colonel Mitchell undoubtedly will be called before the president's special board, it is not likely that that board, charged as it is with a general inquiry, will go into the details of the Shenandoah disaster to the extent that it might develop from the army officer in full detail his charges.