"New Pioneers"

A new migration is on the move, and 36,000 Dust Bowl farmers have migrated to the Pacific Northwest in the past seven years. What has become of them? Story on Page

Capital Journal

Story of Cherrians

1938 is another year for the Salem Cherrians—but it is also their 25th anniversary. This civic organiza-tion, unique in Oregon, was found-ed in 1913, and has since grown steadily. Story on Page 16.

Section Six

Navigation of Stream Began In Early Days

River Traffic Coming Back as Factor in Valley Commerce

Steam navigation is coming oack into its own on Oregon

Not since the early days in the settlements along the Wil-lamette and Columbia rivers has the outlook for steamboats appeared so promising. Those historians who had irrevocably consigned steam navigation to the limbo of forgotten curiosities are now hastily revising their esti-

Most of this revived impetus may be traced to the Willam-ette valley project, with its vast expenditures for river stabilization and improvement. Sponsors of the project had an eye to the possi-bilities of steamboat traffic and in-cluded, as one of the chief purposes of the project the development of of the project, the development of river navigation

There is more to the story than those words, however. For many years, economic students had felt that river shipping would bring three desirable results; Would Give Outlet

Provide a cheap outlet to slow-moving cargoes that are not depen-dent upon time limits.

2. Remove part of the congestion and wear-and-tear on the Oregon

highways.

3. Provide a revised "yardstick" on freight rates through competi-It is generally recognized that

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W. G. Allen is the dean of Sacanners. With his father, W. K. Allen, and a brother, O. V. Allen, he purchased the old Salem Canning company in the fall of 1898. He remained here until 1901 when he went to Eugene where he was in the canning business until 1911 when he returned to Salem and has been interested in canning oper-ations here ever since. He is now owner of the Allen Fruit com-

Venture Fails

Resurrection by Paul B. Wallace of the minute books of the Salem Canning company reveals the story of Salem's first venture in the canning industry, a venture which has led to the immense fruit processing business now done here which marks Salem as the center of the fruit industry in the Pacific North-

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Canned Output Shows Variety Of Activities

the greatest fruit producing districts in the Pacific Northwest, itself one of the lead-ing fruit producing areas of the nation. Dotted with canneries, packing and process-ing houses of every description, Salem handles a great share of the fruit load, not only for its immediate environs but such far away points as Yakima and Wenatchee in Washington, The Dalles, and the Umpqua and Rogue river valleys in Oregon. From those sec-tions it extracts such fruits as peaches, apricots, pears and cher-

In Salem's own aurroundings lies a veritable fruit orchard and berry patch of wide expanse and produces most of existing fruits except those of tropical or semi-tropical origin. In its canneries and packing plants Salem will produce annually on an average the equivalent of 2,000,000 cases or over of fruits and vegetables. It employs in these plants on an average of 2500 workers run-ning to an average of over 3500 work-ers at the peak seasons with a con-siderable all the year around payroll for the regular staffs of the

A Million Cases

Its canned pack alone will run well over a million cases of fruit Vegetables are a rapidly increasing source of supply for many of the canneries and there are indications that vegetables which once lagged far behind fruits in production here far behind fruits in production here may eventually run away with the race and outstrip the fruit produc-tion—but that is a matter of years yet, if brought about as many think. A rough estimate of some of the main items in the fruit pack of Sa-lem canneries shows the following

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Residents of Oregon deposited \$18,412,240 in premiums on their or-dinary life policies, while they received back from the companies \$10,428,917 in claims and \$2,435,110

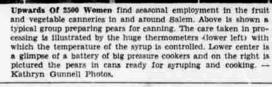
Approximately every 30th person in the state bought a new ordinary policy during the year, with the total reaching 34,217 policies.

Territory Split

Washington Settlers Break in 1853

If a group of settlers north of the Columbia river had not grown impatient with their representation in Oregon governmental affairs, the state of Oregon today might have covered the entire northwest — or at least Washington.

Laws of the territory in 1853 split the territory into Oregon and Washington. Out of Thurs-ton county alone was created King, Pierce, Jefferson and Is-



ownership of life insurance to a new all-time high during the past year, it is shown by the annual report of Hugh Earle, state life insurance commissioner. Oregon's Average Approximately 860 miles of books, laid end to end, were

ducing area is in Salem, where an acre yields as much as 1800 pounds a year. At an average price of 18 cents a pound the importance of filberts in the commercial scheme of lent from the public libraries in Oregon in 1936. To put it more concretely, if books were laid top to bottom along the affairs to this city can be more coast highway, beginning at the California line, they would border the 391 miles of highway up to Astoria, then border the highway eastward along the state of the highway eastward along the state of the libraries acattered throughout 25 miles beyond Baker.

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Many of the public libraries are in small communities, with inade-quate financial support, and are carried on year after year by the earnest efforts of devoted volunteer The Umatilia county library ranks next to the Portland library in raries are in cities of less than number of volumes, in circulation, loop population. They can at heat and in number of points throughout the county from which library borrowers, but within a few years,

Oregon Rich In Antiquity Although the first public li-

Libraries of

brary law was adopted in 1901, libraries were found in Oregon as early as 1836. In that year a collection of books, periodicals and newspapers owned by the Hudson's Bay company officers at Vancouver was the first circulating library on the Pacific coast. The Multnomah circulating library was established in 1840 at Willamette Falls and incorporated five years later. This

porated five years later. This library was established by funds raised from the sale of 100 shares at \$5 a share. Its library holdings consisted of 300 old volumes and \$100 worth of books purchased in the city of New York.

From the letters written by early inhabitants of Oregon, it is known that a system of Sunday school libraries, organized by early missionaries, flourished in the second half of the nineteenth century. Mention is made in one letter of a library in is made in one letter of a library in 1848, consisting of 150 volumes, at the Methodist Episcopal church in Oregon City.

\$5000 for Library

When congress adopted the en-abling act establishing a territorial abiling act establishing a territorial government in Oregon, it also appropriated \$5000 for a territorial library to be located at the seat of government in Oregon City. In addition to law tests, the library's report of 1852 listed Goldsmith's "Works," Guilliver's "Travels," Darwin's "Voyages," and works on medicine and astronomy, architecture, costume, the horse and other subjects.

By 1854 the library boaated 1733 volumes, but all were destroyed by fire in 1855. From that date to 1880, only \$4100 in public funds were spent for books, and by the latter date the library holdings contained more than 9000 volumes, most of which were

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That there were books of a general nature is shown by the accessions reported for 1878-1879, which included the "Americana Encyclopedia," Encyclopedia Britannica."

dia," Encyclopaedia Britannica,"
"American Pharmacy" and "Zeil's
Encyclopedia."

The present library in Multnomah
county, the Library Association of
Portland, was organized in 1864, five
years after Oregon attained statehood. The organization was launched
with an initial subscription of 25500,
most of which was sent to New York
for the purchase of 1400 books,
which were shipped to Oregon by
way of the Isthmus, Judge Matthew
P. Deady, an early pioneer in the
field of education and library work,
later suggested the sale of perpetual later suggested the sale of perpetual memberships at \$250 cash. This sale brought in \$25,250. Subscribers paid \$3 dues a quarter, and an initiation fee of \$5. This fee was reduced to \$2 in 1867, and abolished two years

3 Libraries in 1850

books were circulated through 127 public libraries, and represent an increase of more than a million books over the loans for the year 1927. The demands for books in the economic and social fields, and for books on technical subjects has been one of the marked trends in the increased use of the marked trends in the increased the main variety grown in the northwest, but Davianas and Du Chillya are also maintained. Marked centure libraries, one circulating library, and one sund census reported at the main variety grown in the northwest, but Davianas and Du Chillya are also maintained. The children is the main variety grown in the northwest, but Davianas and Du Chillya are also maintained. The children is the main variety grown in the northwest, but Davianas and Du Chillya are a torial library, one circulating library,

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Butcher Knife Fails In Hold-Up Attempt

Banks have always been regarded as fair prey for robbers. The Ladd and Bush bank history reveals several atthan tempted holdups. One of the weirdest of these was in 1886, when a lunatic was foiled in a clumsy attempt. While Asahel Bush was away on a trip east, B. F. Harding was put

Asiner Bush was away our arrected to the street and he was feared that the regular clerical called in. This attracted the lunastaff of three young men would be inaufficient to repulse any attempt at robbery. So Mr. Harding put his chair down by the stove and smokchair down by the stove and smokchair down by the stove and smokthe stove and

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one heritage that has thus far re-mained safe from the "Grown in California" touch-filberts. Most people know that the filbert industry is centered in the north-west. The center of this filbert pro-

There is little competition, except foreign—and the duty on imported fliberts is now five cents a pound.

where each one came from

out the county from which library service may be obtained. Only \$4.405 of the total 129,226 volumes lent were borrowed from the head-quarters library at Pendleton, while 18.231 were circulated from the ten branch libraries, the 27 stations and the 62 schools which are parts of the system of 28.000 volumes. This library system of 38.000 volumes. This library with its collectors and the 62 schools which are parts of the system of county-wide distribution of books.

The public libraries of the state own approximately one and a quarter million volumes. About half this number belong to the Portional library, and are used throughted in the past year, 229,000 volumes, out Multnomah county. The other county library systems own one-sixth of these volumes, leaving only (Concluded on page 5, column 7).



"City of Salem"-Typical of the style in which early Willamette valley towns turned out to greet exon steamboats is this steamboats is this view of the "City o — Photo courtesy of Kathryn Gunnell which plied the Willamette river for several