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## HUNT FOR BANDITS WHO SLEW TRAINMEN

Engineer, Fireman, Brakeman  
and Mail Clerk Killed in  
S. P. Holdup.

Ashland, Or. — The greatest man hunt in the history of the states of Oregon and California is in progress, bent on the capture of bandits who held up the Southern Pacific "San Francisco Express" and shot and killed four members of the crew. The dead trainmen are Sid Bates, engineer; Marvin Sing, fireman; H. C. Johnson, brakeman, and James Daugherty, mail clerk.

The holdup and tragedy occurred while the train was passing through the tunnel going southward. The scene is 15 miles south of Ashland.

The bandits blew the mail car up with dynamite.

Bates, Sing and Johnson were shot in cold blood, after having been forced from the engine at the point of guns. Both were shot in the head. Bates in the center of his forehead and Sing just under the right of his jaw. Johnson was shot five times in the chest and abdomen.

Johnson who was deadheading, evidently had attempted to battle with the bandits, as his body was found near the bodies of Bates and Sing, having gotten out of the coach to go forward to see what was wrong, because of the train's halt.

Daugherty probably was killed in the blast of dynamite, which blew up the mail car.

The blast was so heavy that the doors on three express cars, to the rear of the mail coach, were torn from their hinges, and every window in the smoker was blown in by the concussion, as the mail car was only about a third of its length out of the tunnel.

## ASTROLOGER TAKES BLAME FOR MURDER

Marshfield, Or.—Arthur Covell, crippled brother-in-law of Mrs. Elba Covell, who was brutally slain last month, entered a plea of guilty to murder in the first degree before Judge Kendall of circuit court.

Covell is 45 years old and is an astrologist. He consulted the planets, he said, regarding all of his acts. His helplessness is due to an injury he received in an automobile wreck two years ago. His spine is hurt and he remains most of the time in a chair.

Alton Covell, the cripple's nephew, already had confessed to the actual murder of his stepmother, declaring that he was incited to the deed by his uncle.

Arthur Covell admitted that he had complete mental domination over his nephew, Alton, the accused youth.

Alton Covell is the son of Dr. Fred Covell, who has been held in jail since his wife's death.

## FARM PRICES INCREASE

Department of Agriculture (Reports Gain in Month).

Washington, D. C. — Farm prices trended upward during September and on October 1 the index figure of prices paid to producers for the principal farm crops was 27.3 per cent higher than a year ago; 25.6 per cent higher than two years ago, but 11.3 per cent lower than the average of the last 10 years on October 1.

Those statistics were announced by the department of agriculture, which said the price level increased about 2.2 per cent during September, while the level for the last ten years decreased about 4.2 per cent during that month.

## Change of Venue is Given Sinclair.

South Bend, Wash.—When Percy L. Sinclair, state senator, goes on trial on the charge growing out of the disastrous failure of the Southwestern Washington bank of Ilwaco, of making out a false statement to the state bank examiners, it will be in Chehalis, Lewis county seat. This was the decree handed down in superior court by J. T. Ronald, judge of the superior court of King county, who came here to hear the case against Sinclair on invitation from H. W. B. Hewen, the local judge. Judge Ronald granted the defendant a change of venue.

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## GERMAN CHANCELLOR IS MADE DICTATOR

Reichstag Confers Authority on  
Stresemann to Bring  
About Reform.

Berlin.—By a vote of 316 to 24, the reichstag passed the authorization act conferring dictatorial powers upon the Stresemann government.

The coalition parties turned out in their full strength for the bill, the socialist party board having made support of the bill obligatory upon each of its reichstag members.

The German people's party also came to Chancellor Stresemann's support with an almost full vote. Several industrial leaders voted in the affirmative, but Hugo Stinnes abstained by casting a blank ballot.

Before the vote the chancellor reiterated his determination to dissolve parliament if necessary.

The authorization bill gives the government of the reich authority to make "in financial, economic and social spheres the measures which it deems necessary and urgent, regardless of the rights specified in the constitution of the reich." The authorization, however, does not extend to the regulations governing the hours of labor or to decreases in pensions and allowances.

Widespread riots took place in various parts of Germany in which it is estimated that from 10 to 15 persons were killed and about 100 injured. Some were demonstrations by unemployed, others were bread riots, while in Saxony the communists conducted demonstrations.

## LEGION CONVENTION IN SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco.—Legionnaires from every state in the union gathered here for the opening of the fifth annual convention of the American Legion.

A sea of flags, a riot of color and bands—Indian bands, navy bands, army bands, cowboy bands, fraternal bands—greeted the delegates and visitors at all corners of the huge civic auditorium, where the 1923 convention got into motion after the usual routine necessary for permanent convention organization.

Their feet re-echoing the paths they trod in no man's land in 1917 and their voices again raised in cries of battle and the tunes of the trenches, more than 60,000 world war veterans marched in a gigantic military parade, which marked the second day of the convention. Twenty thousand sea warriors—sailors of the Pacific fleet at anchor in San Francisco bay—joined the legionnaires in the parade, with hundreds of delegates of the legion auxiliary and various war workers' organizations.

## LABOR RE-ELECTS GOMPERS

Reaffirms Stand for the Modification of the Volstead Act.

Portland, Or.—With a final fling at radicals and those who would "bore from within" and destroy not only the American labor movement but the American republic, as well, Samuel Gompers, veteran president of the American Federation of Labor, brought the 43d annual convention of the federation to a close.

Before the convention closed it re-elected Mr. Gompers as president, Frank Morrison as secretary.

Modification of the Volstead act to permit manufacture and vending of wholesome beer and light wines, reaffirming its stand on this question taken at previous times, was urged by the convention.

## 15,000 Flee Flood in Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Lashing, raging overflow waters, swelled the north Canadian river to the unprecedented depth of 25 feet, bringing the most destructive flood in the history of Oklahoma. Driven from their homes by the onrushing torrent, 15,000 persons, with as many belongings as they could hastily gather together, were being taken to points of safety by all available means of transportation.

## Negro Exodus From South Continues.

Atlanta, Ga.—Georgia negroes are still going to northern states at the rate of 1500 a week, with no indication of a decrease in migration, according to an announcement by the

state department of commerce and labor. During the period, July, 1922, to July, 1923, approximately 200,000 negroes left the state, it was said.

## Impeachment of Gov. Walton Sought.

Oklahoma City.—Impeachment machinery of the Oklahoma house of representatives was set in motion with the announcement by W. D. McNeel, speaker, of a committee of twenty-one house members to conduct investigations upon which impeachment charges would be based.

## OREGON STATE IN GENERAL

(Continued from page 1.)

Smith was presented a necklace, when Smith turned over the affairs of the prison to his successor, A. M. Dalrymple.

There are 93,742 registered voters in Multnomah county who will be entitled to vote at the special election next month, according to figures issued by County Clerk Beveridge. This number is much lower than that for the election last year, when there were approximately 112,000 registered voters.

The deer season in district No. 1, including all territory in Oregon west of the Cascades, will close October 20, the same as last year, due to the injunction issued recently in Marion county restraining the game commission from enforcing its recent ruling under which the season would have closed ten days later.

Registration of non-resident motor vehicles in Oregon during the period May 24 to September 30, 1923, aggregated 32,337, according to a report prepared by the secretary of state. More registrations were made at the Medford station than at any of the other registration booths maintained in the state. Portland registrants ranked second and Salem third.

W. P. Bartel, director of the bureau of public service of the interstate commerce commission, with headquarters in Washington, has telegraphed the Oregon public service commission that it will not be possible to restrict the use of refrigerator cars in this state to the transportation of the more perishable products. The request was made by members of the public service commission because of the apparent shortage of refrigerator cars.

Deputy Sheriff Al Huggins of Baker was instantly killed and "Dad" Griffith died as a result of a shooting scrape at the Central hotel in Baker. Huggins and Chief of Police Waldo Vaughn, called to quiet Griffith, who was shooting around the hotel lobby, threatening to clean up the police force after the arrest of E. M. Griffith, son of "Dad," and his wife, who were jailed on a bootlegging charge. Griffith shot Huggins as he entered the lobby, and Vaughn then shot Griffith through the abdomen. Griffith raised himself ready to aim, and another shot from Vaughn's pistol took effect in the old man's forehead, but he lived three hours afterward.

Despite the fact that the Jordan valley irrigation district recently authorized the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$700,000 for development work, actual construction of the project will be delayed until Rhea Luper, state engineer, can make a thorough investigation. A decision to defer definite action pending further investigation of the project by the state engineer was reached after a lengthy discussion by members of the state irrigation and drainage securities commission, receipt of statistical information from prominent residents of the irrigation district, and explanations by the prospective contractors with relation to the character of the improvements and the cost of the various items entering into the development.

Albany is now the owner of a \$25,000 city hall, which was completed the latter part of the past week.

Mrs. F. Shore, who formerly resided in this community but now of Lebanon has taken possession of her new home in Mountain View addition.

Dr. Snook, of near Drain, in southern Oregon, was in Scio Wednesday looking the ground preparatory to locating. If he finds conditions suitable to him, he will take over the business and office of Dr. E. H. Hobson, who is shortly removing to Salem.

## LUNCHES IN SCHOOLS

OREGON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

In co-operation with

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Time was when this business of hot lunches in schools was considered a fad or experiment. This time has now passed. In most schools the children bring their lunches from home. There are not only cold and unpalatable, but in many cases are far from being suitable to the needs of growing children. The hot lunch is not intended to substitute the regular box lunch, but to supplement it. In our city schools the hot lunch plan has already demonstrated its value and is being generally adopted. The advantages to the city child are that he is enabled to get a hot lunch at school for a few pennies, and is also enabled to get the proper kind of nourishment, instead of candy and lollipops bought over the counter.

In the rural districts the need of hot lunches is greater than cities. Many children come for a distance and have to walk to school. In order to do on time they must rise early, eat poorly prepared breakfast hastily and set out to school. Their lunch is cold and unpalatable, and the only satisfactory meal they get is the evening meal. Undernourishment, malnutrition and inefficiency are the results.

With a little tact and ingenuity on the part of the teacher, however, the necessary equipment, for a hot lunch may be secured.

If the school board or civic association will not furnish it, it may be secured by donation. Usually it is found necessary for the patrons of the school to furnish the food supply. Each pupil or family may volunteer to furnish the food for one day, or a certain item of the lunch for each day. Cocoa, chocolate, soups, stews, custards, chowder, puddings are especially adapted for the school lunches. "The School Lunch", Oregon Agricultural College Bulletin No. 222, contains many helpful suggestions on the subject of the hot lunches.

The Western Winter Poultry and Rabbit Show held in conjunction with the Pacific International Live Stock Exposition, Nov. 3-10, is one of its chief charms and principal attractions. There will be a full house in that department.

The Land Products Show, held with the Pacific International Live Stock Exposition at Portland, Nov. 3-10, has grown steadily until it is a great show of itself. This year is added the Northwest Grain and Hay Show formerly held at Pendleton.

Mr. Rowan Whealdon, a graduate of Reed College, in Portland, and head of the mathematics in Corvallis high school, has been appointed director of the 1923 Christmas Seal Sale for the Oregon Tuberculosis Association and will visit the entire state during the next two months.

The I. O. O. F. held a joint convention in Jefferson Oct. 14 it has been the custom for Linn and Benton to hold the convention but this year Marion wished to join in with them, so in that reason the convention was held in Jefferson.

E. G. Anderson, a resident of Albany, was accidentally killed Sunday by a premature discharge of a gun in the hands of a friend. They had just started on a hunting trip when the accident occurred.

## Flour Mill To Start

J. D. Densmore received a car load of wheat from Bend Oregon, and will start to grind flour Monday, he will use the wheat from Bend to make a Western Blended Brand, and he also will make a brand from the valley wheat.