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FEHL JOINS AIDES IN STATE PEN

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.
Among the interesting people attending the American Legion convention in Klamath Falls last week was Albert Richard Wetjen, who is budding rapidly into one of the country's better known short story writers.

His stories appear regularly in Colliers, the Saturday Evening Post, and other well known magazines.
Dick is a former employee of this newspaper in Eugene. Dick was a country correspondent for this newspaper at the village of Harrisburg.

If the candid truth must be told, the stories he sent in didn't display much evidence that he was a budding genius. Still, they were fully as good as the editing that was done on them.

Both editor and correspondent were fresh out of school, and what they didn't know about good, workmanlike writing in those days would have filled a fair-sized book.
Dick specializes on stories of the sea. He got his liking for the sea on his way to this country.

He is a Welshman by nativity, but came up from Wales to London. From London, he took ship for this country and arrived in the course of considerable time in San Francisco. In San Francisco, he got in touch with Colonel Hofer, of Salem, was then publishing a little literary magazine called The Lariat.

It was on this little magazine that Dick got his first start.
He lives in Portland, and when he invites his friends to come and see him—as he does with great cordiality—he cautions them to call first on the phone and tell who they are.

He is getting to be a rather well known writer, and the country is full of hopeful poets who have a mania for getting their poems read by well known writers. It might be added, incidentally, that they have an equal mania for having them read by editors.

So Dick has adopted the protective device of having the phone answered by his secretary. If it is a friend at the other end of the wire, he is at home. But if it is a poet, he isn't.

Nobody but an editor will ever know how smart a scheme that is.
The first story Dick sold was taken by a magazine called Action Stories. This magazine is now defunct. Whether Dick's story had anything to do with its untimely passing, this writer does not presume to say, not having read the story.

The magazine was of what is now known as the "pulp paper" type, and leaned toward yarns calculated to raise the hair of the reader straight up on his head.
Dick got \$25 for the story, and he confesses quite freely that it looked to him like all the money in the world.

In these more hazy days, he gets something like \$2,000 for a good story.
Asked which gave him the greater thrill, that first story he sold for \$25 or the ones he sells now for \$2,000, he answered: "Go on! You know something about writers and writing, and you ask a fool question like that!"

"How many stories," this writer asked him the other day, "did you write before the SOLD one?"
"Oh, at least a hundred," Dick answered. "I didn't keep a careful count, of course, but it couldn't have been less than a hundred."
"I didn't know there were so many editors in the country until I began getting rejection slips from them."

This question is asked constantly by all kinds of people: "Just how do you go about learning to write?"
Dick's experience tells the whole story. The way to learn to write is to WRITE—and write and write and write until finally you produce something that is good enough that some editor will take a chance and pay money for it.
There may be other ways, but this is the only one that offers any real prospects of success.

You can read books on swimming until your eyes get dim, but the only way to learn to swim is to get into the water. And you can study writing until you get old and toothless, but the only way to learn to write is to write.

MASTER MIND OF BALLOT STEALING UNABLE GET BOND

Former Jackson County Judge Surprises By Willingness to Start Serving of Four-Year Sentence.

SALEM, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Earl H. Feh, former Jackson county judge, today became the fifth prisoner to start serving time in the state penitentiary for ballot theft in Jackson county. He was sentenced to serve four years.

Deputy Sheriff Dale Mattoon of Klamath county accompanied Feh from Klamath Falls where the trial was held.
Earl H. Feh completed this morning a seven month and 15 days journey from the county judge's office of Jackson county, to a cell in state prison. Feh left the Klamath county jail, where he has been confined since his conviction of ballot theft Monday night at ten o'clock by train, and arrived at Salem this morning.

His departure was unheralded, and Feh waived the ten days allowed for filing a motion for a new trial, which would have expired Friday. The move was a surprise.
Johns Friend Banks
Feh joins his bosom confidante and aide in local turmoil, L. A. Banks, agitator and murderer, who yesterday started serving a life sentence for the slaying of Constable George J. Prescott; also Walter J. Jones, political ally of Rogue River; J. Arthur LaDieu, Banks' newspaper aide, both, like Feh serving four year sentences for ballot theft, and Tom L. Brechen of Ashland, serving 18 months on a plea of guilty to vote stealing. Jones, LaDieu, and Brechen, the testimony in the ballot trials showed, were the "brain trust" and action men of the Banks-Feh plottings. The state sentenced Feh was the "master mind."

Kin of Feh, according to advice received by the district attorney's office, had a farewells last Sunday. Feh, unable to secure \$7500 bonds that met with the legal requirements, told friends he would not appeal his conviction, and last Friday announced that he was ready to go to Salem and start serving his time.

Resided Here 26 Years
Feh has been a resident of this city and county for 26 years, and ran for mayor many times, always being defeated by Mayor E. M. Wilson by 14 votes.

For the past 15 years or more thru his weekly newspaper, he kept up a constant barrage of vilification and character assassination against county officials and leading citizens. A judgment against him for \$15,000 was returned in the Roy Parr criminal libel suit, by a Jackson county jury. Previously he had been acquitted in a criminal libel suit filed by Frank Dillard, then city engineer. Previous to these criminal libel actions Feh kept the city in almost constant costly litigation over his efforts against street assessment collection, and city water rights.

Following the return and execution of the Parr libel suit verdict, Feh joined forces with L. A. Banks, just budding forth as an agitator, and both entered county politics, finding support in the discontent of the times.

Won In Split Field
Feh defeated C. B. Iankin of Ashland in the republican primary, by 200 votes. He won in the general election over a field of four.

It was the bitterest and stormiest campaign in the history of Jackson county. The victory of Feh created vague suspicions, but the general disposition was "to give him a chance as holding such a high office will sober him up."

Before he had been in office a week, he had filed farce contempt proceedings against two former members of the county court. He assumed office January 2 last, and from the start turmoil reigned. The court house was clogged daily with through, encouraged to make the courthouse a rendezvous by Feh and Banks.
Before Feh was sworn in, Ralph G. Jennings filed recount proceedings against Sheriff-Elect Schermerhorn.

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ORCHARD AGITATORS ARE REPULSED BY RANCHMEN

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Handle action by farmers and one official request for National Guard protection marked farm labor troubles which today were reported threatening Pacific coast fruit and vegetable harvests.
The pick handles were swung, along with clubs and pieces of gas pipe, as 150 ranchers and their employees drove away 40 assorted labor agitators from orchards near Yakima, Wash.

BASEBALL

National.
Chicago 1 10 0
Boston 2 5 3
Bush and Hartnett; Cantwell and Spohrer.

R. H. E.
St. Louis 5 11 1
Philadelphia 1 6 2
Hallahan and Wilson; Hansen, Pearce and Davis.

American.
Philadelphia 8 14 4
Cleveland 7 9 0
Grove and Cochran; Ferrell and Spencer.

R. H. E.
Washington 5 9 0
Chicago 1 9 1
Crowder and Sewell; Jones, Hefing and Berry.

COST BILL FOR SCHERMERHORN TRIAL IS READY

The district attorney's office has completed, and will file today, the cost bill in the trial of Gordon L. Schermerhorn, former sheriff, convicted of ballot theft and sentenced to serve three years in state prison. Schermerhorn is at liberty on \$7500 bonds, pending an appeal to the state supreme court. The cost of the Schermerhorn trial is computed at \$1,925.00.

Similar action will be taken in the case of Walter J. Jones, convicted mayor of Rogue River, and J. Arthur LaDieu, former Banks newspaper manager, now in state prison for ballot theft.

Cost of the Schermerhorn trial was about one-fourth of the cost of the Banks murder trial and slightly less than one-third the cost of the Feh trial. Banks was tried in Lane county, and Feh in Klamath county, on charges of venue. The Banks trial cost \$7,700.00, and the Feh trial \$5,094.50.

The action is taken under the section, Oregon 27-3050, which provides: "The costs and disbursements in a criminal action or proceeding are paid to the person rendering the service by the proper county; but in case of a judgment of conviction, such costs and disbursements must be taxed against the defendant."

They are docketed as judgments and enforceable as liens, and will reimburse Jackson county considerably for its outlay of cash in restoring normalcy, after months of agitated turmoil.

Saturday, August 5, the day following his conviction, Feh filed with the county clerk transfer of three pieces of property to his wife. Under the law the move is null and void.

HUGE AVALANCHE STARTED BY SUN

EUGENE, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Released by the blazing August sun, a tremendous avalanche of rock and snow and ice swept down from the north-west turrets of the south Sister at about 10 Friday morning in a thundering overture to one of the most stupendous spectacles ever witnessed in the Cascade range.

It tore across the face of slumbering Lost creek glacier ripped out a huge segment of glacial dam, released a flood of water pent up under the glacier for centuries, and carried thousands of tons of red lava ash and debris into the McKenzie river by way of Separation creek and Horse creek.

SALEM, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Gasoline tax refund warrants must be registered and endorsed "not paid for want of funds," before the state treasurer is authorized to pay them. Attorney General L. H. Van Winkle held in an opinion late yesterday which was requested by Treasurer Rufus Holman.

hours and higher wages. Officials at Sacramento said no immediate action would be taken on the request.
At Oroville, Calif., Sheriff C. W. Toland said he would also ask for National Guard aid if troubles near Chico in which five alleged agitators were arrested were repeated.
Officials of the California Packing Corporation, whose two peach canneries near Merced, employing 4000 workers at the height of the season, were affected, said the crop will go unharvested if the workers persist in their demands.
Strike leaders declared they were seeking an increase in pay from 17 1/2 cents to 30 cents an hour and a 40-hour work week.

VALLEY SIZZLES IN HOTTEST DAY OF SEVEN YEARS

108 Registered Monday As Highest Since 1926 — August Record of Past 13 Years Is Also Surpassed

Oregon Weather Forecast
Fair tonight and Wednesday, but local fogs on the coast; slightly cooler in interior of west portion Wednesday; gentle to moderate changeable winds offshore.

Five weather forecast for Oregon: Some scattered fog on the coast; otherwise fair with continued low humidity east portion and slightly higher humidity in interior of west portion, tonight and Wednesday; gentle to moderate variable winds.

It has been hotter in Medford—but not for seven years, according to W. J. Hutchinson, meteorologist at the federal weather bureau. Yesterday afternoon the little red dot skipped up to 108, the official high since June, 1926, when 109 was listed on the records.

For the month of August, yesterday's scorching temperature surpassed that month's record established 13 years ago when the 1920 report contained a figure of 108.
Many local people went to swimming pools and the river last evening, seeking relief from the day's heat.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Violent electrical storms brought a variation at some places today in the extreme heat which has caused a two-day death toll of seven in Pacific coast states.

The first storm struck Brawley, in the Imperial valley of southern California, last night with such force that ranch buildings were wrecked and trees uprooted. In 10 minutes, nine-tenths of an inch of rain fell. Temperatures, which had ranged above 100 degrees, dropped sharply.

At least 11 fires were started by lightning in the Sierra national forest and civilian conservation corps workers were rushed to the firelines.
Another fire, whipped by a stiff wind, jumped out of control near Forest Grove, Ore., and has swept over 300 acres.

Lightning and thunder, with "lightly lower temperatures," was the U. S. weather bureau's forecast for the interior mountain regions of California and for Nevada and Idaho. Continued high temperatures were promised for southern California, Oregon and Washington.

The seventh death attributed by authorities to the heat was that of Mrs. Harriet M. Lewis, 87, Oakland, who succumbed on a passenger bus near Vallejo, Cal., late yesterday. Heat prostration was reported as the cause of the death of a negro in Sacramento and of Wallace Kelly at a mining camp in southern California. The other deaths occurred Sunday.

Red Bluff, in the northern Sacramento valley of California, was the hottest spot yesterday as the mercury rose to 114 degrees.
In Oregon, wheat harvesting was handicapped near The Dalles with the temperature at 104 degrees, the highest of the year.

U. S. DISPOSED TO GIVE RECOGNITION NEW CUBA REGIME

HAVANA, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Ambassador Sumner Welles has informed the diplomatic corps that the Washington government is disposed to recognize the new Cuban administration headed by Provisional President Carlos Manuel de Cespedes.
The American attitude was conveyed to diplomats yesterday at a meeting in the Spanish embassy, Luciano Lopez Ferrer, the Spanish ambassador, is the dean of the corps.

Havana streets bustled with activity today as all industries were resumed, the general strike, which brought about the downfall of General Gerardo Machado's regime having been brought to an end.
Two additional violent deaths were reported. Augustin Ledon, a Machado supporter, was found shot to death near the ousted president's estate. Manuel Rosales, a Machado vigilante, committed suicide.

SPEED INCLUSION FOUR INDUSTRIES UNDER NRA FLAG

Full Pressure of Administration Placed Behind Effort To Sign Up Coal, Steel Oil and Automobiles.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The full pressure of the Roosevelt administration today was being thrown behind an effort to bring four of the nation's key industries—coal, steel, oil and automobiles—under NRA codes.

Hugh S. Johnson, the administrator, and Secretary Frances Perkins went into a conference with the presidents of five large steel companies determined to speed up an agreement that will bring that industry under the scope of the recovery administration's wage raising, hour shortening program at an early date.

Simultaneously, Robert W. Lea, the deputy administrator charged with handling the automobile industry's code, conferred with spokesmen for this group. Reports were that the attitude of Henry Ford toward the agreement already submitted was among the problems considered.

Although the national automotive chamber of commerce presented the code several weeks ago and a hearing has been set for Friday, Ford has given no direct indication that he is ready to move with the other major companies.

With Labor Day set as a tentative date for bringing the bulk of the nation's employees under some form of wage and hour regulation, it was generally accepted in administration circles that the chief executive was stalling firmly behind moves to force prompt action by the larger groups.

Modified presidential re-employment agreements were approved today for fire additional industries, Pacific coast dried fruits, manufacturing jewelry, insulation board, hair and jute felt and porcelain enameling, pending public hearings and final approval of codes submitted by the groups.

The dried fruit agreement provided for 40 hours of work a week for all employees except factory or mechanical workers, artisans, outside salesmen, buyers and watchmen.
Factory or mechanical workers, artisans or packing house workers are given a work-week of not more than 44 hours a week averaged over a six-month period.

The maximum hour provisions are not applicable to managerial or supervising employees.
Factory or mechanical workers, artisans or packing house workers receive 35 cents an hour; 30 cents for those doing light work. A differential is permitted for apprentices over a 60-day period.

BURNS PUBLISHER SUED FOR LIBEL
BURNS, Ore., Aug. 15.—(AP)—A charge of criminal libel was filed late yesterday, police said, against Syd D. Pierce, publisher of the Burns Free Press, a weekly paper. Robert Duncan filed the complaint.

Officers said the complaint was filed after an article had appeared in the paper mentioning Duncan and the affairs of the First National bank, now in the hands of a receiver. Duncan and the others named were officers and stockholders.

KITZMILLER WILL RETURN TO COACH
PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 15.—(AP)—Johnny Kitzmiller, assistant football coach at the University of Oregon, said today he will return to the university this season to assist in directing the Webfoot football activities.

Reports from New York had indicated he would return to professional football in the National League, but Kitzmiller said he plans to continue in the coaching field.

BEAR QUENCHES FIRE TO GET POT OF BEANS
BEND, Ore., Aug. 15.—(AP)—Clay Taylor, state policeman, vouches for the statement that there are some mighty smart bears in the hill country of the wild southern Cascades.
He personally knows, he revealed today, of one bear which extinguished a campfire and return ate a pot of beans which had been cooking over the blaze. The hole in which the fire was burning was carefully filled.

Receives Promotion News



A. P. JOHNSEN, for the past two years district sales manager for the Standard Oil Co. here, who will leave soon for a similar position with headquarters at Fresno, Cal.

HOG PROCESSING TAX PLANNED TO AID IN PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Secretary Wallace said today a nominal processing tax may be levied on hogs on or after October 1, to provide funds for financing the emergency reduction program now being worked out by his aides.

Under no consideration, he said, will a processing tax on swine be levied before the beginning of the hog marketing year, which he added is generally recognized as being October 1.

A tax of about one-half cent per pound of live hog would provide sufficient funds for the emergency program, he said, reckoning the maximum gross cost of the program at about \$50,000,000. However, he added, this may not be the rate of the initial levy. He said it had been left for later determination.

Several details remained to be worked out before the program proposed by organized corn and hog farmers can be put into effect, Wallace said.
This program contemplates the payment of a bonus of about \$4 to farmers for marketing a million sows soon to farrow and 4,000,000 pigs under 100 pounds, by October 1.

The program as it now stands, involves having the government enter into contracts with packers to process the pigs, he said. Negotiations with the treasury for financing the program remain to be completed.

Wife Identifies Body of Suicide
ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 15.—(AP)—Mrs. A. C. Harlow of Bellingham, Wash., last night identified the body of a man who had killed himself in a hotel room here, as that of her husband, prominent Bellingham undertaker. He had registered at the hotel as Hari K. Karson, and had made arrangement with a funeral director here for a "simple funeral for a friend," telling the undertaker he would see him in three or four days.

DIVORCED WIFE HELD AS EX-MATES TORCH SLAYER
ROCKFORD, Ill., Aug. 15.—(AP)—A penny box of matches, a porcelain wash basin, and a quart of gasoline supposedly used to burn Earl Hanson to death brought his divorced wife, May, 38, to a jail cell today, although she declared her innocence of any crime.

Authorities said someone apparently had thrown the gasoline from the basin on Hanson as he sat in his automobile, which had been taken over the blaze. The hole in which the fire was burning was carefully filled.

VILLAGE STORES SEE HARDSHIP IN INSTALLING NRA

Merchant Who Simply Cannot Accept Plan May Flaunt Flag With "Red Ink Wound Strike" On Eye



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By George Durno
WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—While bands are playing for NRA in the cities and Uncle Sam's big push is on reports of worries continue to trickle in from the smaller communities.
Travelers returning from the outlying precincts would have one believe the Blue Eagle is striking just a wee bit of terror into the hearts of town and village merchants. Inability to meet code hours and pay in small communities and fear of a boycott if they don't, are reported to be the things keeping our country cousins awake at night.

The high command of NRA is keenly alive to this situation but for once they admit they're stumped. About the only advice they have to offer Main Street is to put a shoulder to the wheel anyway and give an almighty push.
One of the Recovery Administration's highest officials says:
"Yes, I know the problem of the country storekeeper is tough. But we're in this fight to win and the little fellow will just have to have faith that buying power will be increased so generally by our drive it will filter clear into his community and increase his profits too.
"Every time a man lays an employee off he's killing a customer. Keep those you have and hire more if possible and you'll wind up with more customers."

Thus far the South and Middle West have been most often heard from against conforming with the general code.
From a small Ohio town comes the story of its four haberdashers. One is run by two brothers, one by a father and son and a third by two partners. No outside help is used in these three stores but all three got eagles from their postmaster.

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SUBMIT REVISED LUMBERING CODE
WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—(AP)—A drastically-revised code for the lumber and timber-producing industries was submitted today to Hugh S. Johnson, the industrial administrator, by aides who have been working on it.
Pending official action by Johnson officials would not give details of changes in the new code prepared by the NRA as compared with the trade practice plan submitted July 10 by the industries.

NRA officials disclosed informally, however, that new labor provisions were included with shorter hours and higher pay rates than the 40 to 48 hour and 22 1/2 to 45 cent rates advocated by the industries.

1600 Visit Lake During Sunday
Registrations at Crater Lake for Sunday show that 1600 persons visited the national park Sunday, according to figures compiled there. This number places the season's total close to 55,000, with travel to the lake increasing almost daily.

2000 FILE REQUEST FOR HOME LOAN AID
PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 15.—(AP)—About 2000 persons filed into the office of the Oregon Home Owners' Corporation here Monday to apply for federal aid under the home loan act.
The office was formally opened yesterday and J. P. Lipscomb, state manager, and his staff of 20 assistants received the petitioners as rapidly as possible.

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 14.—Balbo finished a great trip and Mussolini and all Italy kissed him fervently on both cheeks. Now we know why he was growing that beard.
If you see a strange man hiding in the bushes around your place it's more than apt to be an ex-president of Cuba.
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