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## AUDIT REFUTES FEHL'S CHARGES

### Comment on the Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS.**

**A** Southern Oregon banker, explaining the new banking act to the members of his service club, says it will bring about two things: Fewer banks. Closer supervision by the government.

**B**OTH are sound; the first especially so. Too many banks mean banks that are not as strong as they should be—and strength is the first essential of a bank. Supervision by the government can not be too close if it is INTELLIGENT supervision.

**T**HE new bank law provides insurance of deposits—that is to say, it insures the depositor that he will get his money back. Many people, especially the big bankers in the big cities, say insurance of deposits won't work. This writer, for one, hopes it will. If the depositor knows he will get his money back, confidence in the banks will be tremendously increased, and confidence in the banks is a mighty fine thing.

**T**HE big city bankers don't want deposit insurance, because if it works it will make the smallest country bank as strong as the biggest city bank. That isn't so good from the standpoint of the big city banks.

**B**UT enough of banking. Let's turn to lighter subjects. Do you know how the standard "100 proof" as applied to whiskey, got its start? Probably not.

**G**EORGE ADLER vouches for this version: Back in Revolutionary days, they fired cannon by laying a train of powder along a board, thus making a rudimentary sort of fuse. But the powder burned too quickly, not allowing the cannoneer time enough to get away. So they sought ways of slowing it down.

**F**IRST they tried wetting the powder with water, but that idea wasn't so good. It slowed the powder down too much. So next they tried alcohol, which also wasn't so good, because it didn't slow the powder down enough. So they tried mixing alcohol and water half and half, and that was just right. They called this mixture 100 proof.

Alcohol and water in equal parts has been known as "100 proof" whiskey since that time.

**S**PEAKING of slow powder, did you ever hear of the fellow who used it to bag a prairie dog? The prairie dog, as you know, stands upright at the mouth of his hole, and when shot usually manages to get into the hole before dying. The hunter referred to in this story framed up a scheme.

**H**E loaded his gun with slow powder, then crept up on a prairie dog town. His idea was to fire at the dog, then, the instant he fired, to drop the gun and make a dash for the hole, getting there about the same time as the charge of shot.

How did the scheme work? Well, he tells the story like this: "The instant I fired, I dropped the gun and made a grab for the prairie dog. I got the dog all right, but just as I grabbed him the charge of shot took me in the seat of the pants."

You can take it or leave it, but that is the way it was told to this writer.

**A**RT SCHAUFF, just back from a trip through the Middle West, knows why grain prices are going up. There isn't any grain back there, he says. Fields are burned and brown. Wheat, oats and rye are looking bad. Corn doesn't look much better. And potatoes—well, they look pitiful. As for heat, he says we don't know anything about the subject out here. This weather we have been having the past week is just plain summer weather.

**I**t is a tough situation for the farmers whose crops have been reduced by the drought and the heat. But it is good for those whose crops HAVEN'T been reduced. What's one man's loss is another man's poison, you know.

### MONEY DISBURSED AND DEPOSITED AS LAW PROVIDES

**Clerk Short Nickel, Sheriff Half Dollar for Three-Year Period—Minor Errors Are Noted in Haines' Report**

The audit of Jackson county finances and offices, was filed yesterday with the county court by L. H. Haines, public accountant of Klamath Falls. The audit does not support in any particular sensational charges and vicious insinuations hurled last spring, against the conduct of county affairs by E. H. Fehl, county judge, and L. A. Banks, then local agitator, and running mate of Fehl. The audit is a refutation of the pair's accusations.

The opening paragraph of the 153 page report reads: "I hereby certify that in my opinion, with the exception of minor errors, discrepancies, and omissions reported hereinafter, all monies collected during the three years ending December 31, 1932 for taxes, fines, and bail forfeitures, fees, licenses, amounts due from other governmental units, and other incomes have been deposited with the county treasurer, in accordance with statutes in effect, and have been disbursed on authorized vouchers, or remain on hand."

Auditor Haines further stated, "In my opinion, the discrepancies found are no different than those to be found in any other counties, and not as bad as in many."

Auditor Haines further said the "errors, discrepancies, and omissions" were "clerical errors," such as appear in any business, and could be easily rectified.

The report contains no sensational or unusual matter, and none of the charges and accusations hurled by Earl H. Fehl and L. A. Banks, against the handling of county affairs are supported in the audit. Fehl in "congress" meetings in rural areas, frequently voiced serious accusations and Banks repeated them in his newspaper.

The report shows that the sheriff's office under Ralph G. Jennings handled \$1,444,668.00 during the three year period, and the recorded cash receipts of the office show at 50 cent shortage. Fehl and Banks hinted in their allegations, that the sheriff's office funds were "misappropriated."

The clerk's office, another point of vellel attack by Banks and Fehl, handled \$18,358.39. The audit shows the clerk's accounts were off a nickel during the regime of Delilah Stevens Meyer.

The audit shows that the county offices handed in 1932, the sum of \$1,432,361.07; in 1931 the sum of \$1,929,187.98, and in 1930 the sum of \$2,110,710.33. The total amount for the three year period was \$5,472,259.38.

The county court spent Saturday afternoon going over the audit with Auditor Haines, and discussing suggested changes in the systems used in county business. The session will be resumed Monday. An item by item study of the audit is being made by the county court.

The audit is voluminous and in detail and covers all offices and funds. As soon as a copy is received from the binders, it will be made available to all interested. The report is complete.

The contract for the audit was signed March 15 last. Fehl, then county judge, now serving a four year state prison sentence for ballot theft, in his rural district speeches, and in his weekly made general charges that county funds were being misappropriated. Banks in his publications supported the allegations. Neither would make specific allegations, but hurled general accusations.

The audit was contracted to still the studies and growing agitation. When rumor-mongers spread charges they were halted before the county court, and faced with their accusations, in the presence of the auditor. This stopped the practice. One of the terms of the contract, was that it would not be revealed except by the auditor, and in the presence of the county court, and that the auditor was to make none of his findings public, until the audit was completed.

**MRS. BANKS VISITS MATE IN PRISON**

SALEM, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Mrs. L. A. Banks of Medford, whose husband was received at the state penitentiary recently to serve a life term for the murder of Constable George Prescott of Jackson county, has arrived in Salem where she will spend a few days.

Friends of Mrs. Banks said she might locate here permanently.

**MEXICO, D. F., Aug. 19.—(AP)—**Eight very slight earth shocks, their epicenter within 10 miles of the downtown section, were registered in the past 24 hours of seismographic observations here.

## Canners Agree on Bartlett Pear Rise

**WHEAT COMES TO FORE THIS WEEK IN WORLD MEETS**

**Foreign, Domestic Action Starts—Curtailment Plans Public Thursday—County Meeting Schedule Given**

Meetings for the discussion of acreage adjustment for wheat are being held throughout the county and a great deal of interest is being shown by wheat growers. Meetings arranged by County Agent Fowler for this week are as follows:

Ashland City Hall, Monday, August 21, 8 p. m.  
 Courthouse Auditorium, Medford, Tuesday, Aug. 22, 8 p. m.  
 Talent Community Hall, Thursday, August 24, 8 p. m.  
 Sams Valley schoolhouse, Friday, August 25, 8 p. m.

Application blanks are available both at these meetings and at the county agent's office. The time is short for the acceptance of these applications and every wheat grower should attend the meetings nearest to him.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—(AP)—The eyes of the nation's wheat farmers next week will center on a theater of operations extending from London to Portland, Ore., as both international and domestic action is taken to improve their status.

Significant events scheduled for the next few days are to be climaxed on Thursday when Secretary Wallace will announce the percentage of acreage reduction to be required of American farmers in order to become eligible for benefit payments of up to \$135,000,000.

Representatives of the chief wheat producing nations gather at London for the reconvening of the world wheat conference Monday. Several important decisions affecting American wheat policy may be secured.

Representatives of farm administrators and the grain industry prepared for another meeting Monday at Portland to explore the possibilities of a trade agreement among exporters to move surplus wheat out of that region to the Orient with government support.

Meanwhile, in school houses, court rooms and county auditoriums throughout the four major wheat producing areas in the United States farmers were being brought together in meetings to develop arrangements for application of the voluntary domestic allotment plan to the grain.

Wallace and his aides said their minds are "open" on the decision as to the acreage reduction to be required up to a maximum of 20 per cent covering planting for harvest in 1934.

In event an international agreement to reduce production is arrived at for the United States, Canada, Australia and Argentina the administrators are willing to reduce American production more than if this country alone embarks upon a production curtailment program.

If there is no agreement, administrators are inclined to require a reduction of no more than 10 per cent for 1934 plantings; in case an international agreement results, some of them believe that this country could offer a reduction of 15 per cent.

Heavy abandonment following had weather conditions has brought the prospective wheat crop this year to its lowest point since 1923. The acreage is estimated by the crop reporting board at 44,879,000 compared with 55,152,000 last year and 59,934,0000 average for 1924 to 1930 inclusive.

SKIPWORTH LAUDS STATE TROOPERS

SALEM, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Conduct of state police officers in the Jackson county murder and ballot theft cases was praised by Judge Skipworth who presided at the several trials in Lane, Jackson and Klamath counties.

In a letter to superintendent of the state police, Charles Pray, Skipworth said the state police rendered valuable service in maintaining order and their activities were such as to commend them to every citizen in Oregon.

**Kansas Scandal Grows**

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 19.—(AP)—With indications the total amount of forgeries in the Kansas bogus bond swindle may reach \$1,700,000, investigators revealed today they had information that more than one employee in the state treasurer's office carried forged bonds to Chicago for Ronald Finney, bond broker.



When the NRA stamps went on sale in Washington, Gen. Hugh Johnson of the national recovery administration was the first customer. The stamps were passed across the counter by James A. Farley, the postmaster general. It was an occasion for congratulations, oratory and stamp collectors. (Associated Press Photo)

### RULING TUESDAY BY GOVERNOR ON SPECIAL SESSION

Federal and State Relief Leaders to Confer On Plans and Needs of State—Work Situation Studied

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 19.—(AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier indicated today that he will determine Tuesday whether or not a special session of the Oregon legislature should be called to cope with the problem of raising relief funds.

In a telephone conversation from his summer home, at Gearhart to Portland relief leaders, the governor said he had invited federal and local relief leaders and prominent legislators to meet with him in Portland Tuesday to determine in actual unemployment emergency exists in Oregon and if so, whether he would be justified in calling a special legislative session at an estimated cost of \$20,000 to \$30,000.

The state relief committee was informed here Friday that the federal government will advance relief funds only at the ratio of \$1 to every \$2 put up by the state. After receiving this information, members of the relief committee, declaring the state's relief funds would be exhausted by October 31, urged the governor to call a special legislative session.

Governor Meier said he would also try to determine at the meeting how many men and women would be restored to jobs in this state under the federal public works and national recovery act program, and how much additional employment would be required to take care of those persons now without work. He emphasized that he would not call a special session unless he finds that an actual emergency exists.

Among those the governor has asked to attend the conference are Marshall N. Dana, regional director of public works; Bert Haney, R. N. Stanfield and C. C. Hockley, members of the Oregon committee on public works; H. B. Van Duser and Edgar Freed of Portland, active in the national recovery act program here; Frank Messenger, in charge of the Portland district office of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, and Raymond B. Wilcox, chairman of the state relief committee. Fred Kiddie, president of the state senate, and Earl Snell, speaker of the house of representatives, have also been asked to attend.

The governor announced the meeting after he had conferred at Gearhart with Wilcox.

Wilcox stated that Oregon will have received and spent by September 30 more than \$4,000,000 of federal funds for relief. Contributions from counties and cities, he said, have declined about \$35,000 a month for the entire state.

On the present basis of expenditures, he estimated, funds in hand will be exhausted by September 30. The state will then have available for the fourth quarter of this year one-third of the expenditures made in the third quarter, or about \$300,000.

An A B C member knocked on the door.

"Come out or we'll shoot!" he shouted. One shot was heard. Soldiers and A B C fired back. Then they entered the room and found Ainciar's body. In one last desperate effort for life, the graying officer had dyed his hair blond.

"I was shot and a woman, John Shearer, Scott, John Sumner, John A. Walter and Robert Campbell, are being held in the county jail following their arrest Saturday afternoon by state police on charges of car theft. Communication with Tacoma authorities revealed that a car, of which the license was reported, had been stolen from that city. Tacoma authorities said they would arrive here Monday for the quartet.

### 25% BOOST ON \$15 PER TON RATE GRANTED GROWER

Members of the Northwest Canners' association agreed at a meeting in Portland Friday to meet the recommendation of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration for a 25 per cent increase in price to Bartlett growers, over the present \$15 per ton minimum for No. 1 pears established by the association which includes canneries in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

According to Ralph E. Kooser, president of the Bagley Canning Co., of Ashland, and chairman of the commodity committee on tomato products of the Northwest Canners, who attended the Portland meeting with Ralph U. Boutelle, head of the Rogue Valley Canning Co., of this city, the agreement with the government's proposal was contingent upon protection for the canner in passing on the added cost to the buyers of canned goods on all pre-sales. The additional returns to the growers to be made when the canned fruit is delivered and paid for, in cases where the pears had been previously contracted for at the low price.

The government's recommendation was made with the hope of cooperation all down the line, according to Mr. Kooser, and if the canners who have already sold a portion of their product at a price based on the \$15 minimum to growers, can be assured of federal protection on such contracts there is no reason why the returns to orchardists cannot be augmented in line with the administration's plan.

In order to curtail the apparent surplus of pears, it was brought out at the meeting that the government is discouraging the canning of any

### STEEL, OIL AND LUMBER INDUSTRY SIGN NRA CODES

Major Businesses Enlist Under Blue Eagle—More Jobs, Higher Pay and Forest Conservation Outlined

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—(AP)—President Roosevelt tonight signed trade practice codes bringing under the recovery campaign the significant oil and steel industries, two of America's major businesses.

Pausing in the midst of his plans to go to Hyde Park, New York, the chief executive affixed his signature to the two documents at the White House, where they were carried by Hugh S. Johnson, the industrial administrator, shortly before Mr. Roosevelt's train was due to leave.

Signing of the codes ended weeks of argument and controversy within the two industries and between them and the government over many points, smoothed out in last minute conferences yesterday and today.

They were the second and third major codes to be approved today by the president, the chief who earlier signed a trade practice plan for the lumber industry. A few minutes after affixing his signature, Mr. Roosevelt was en route to the train for Hyde Park.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—(AP)—A fair practice code designed to put 113,000 more men on the payrolls of the steel and timber products industry and including production control and minimum price provisions, was approved tonight by President Roosevelt.

A 40-hour maximum work week is established, 48-hour at seasonal peaks, and minimum wages range from 25 cents to 42½ cents an hour, representing in some instances a 100 per cent increase.

A clause which received President Roosevelt's special attention provides a program of conservation of forest resources in cooperation with the secretary of agriculture.

An agency known as the "Lumber Code Authority, Inc." created to administer the agreement, is vested with the task of production control and cost protection.

The authority is to determine estimates of expected consumption, including exports, and is "empowered to establish and form time to time revise production quotas" for the various divisions.

SEATTLE, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Several million dollars will be added to the annual payroll of the lumber industry in western Washington and western Oregon, J. B. Fitzgerald, secretary-manager of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, said tonight, under provisions of the code adopted for the industry today at Washington.

He also pointed out that although the industry is now coming officially under the "Blue Eagle," about three-fourths of the industry has already been working under such terms for several weeks.

### LOVE BABES SOLD FOR ADOPTION BY BETRAYED MAIDS

TULSA, Okla., Aug. 19.—(AP)—Evidence that babies born out of wedlock have been sold here for adoption was revealed today by Mrs. Mabel Bassett, state commissioner of charities and corrections.

Mrs. Bassett asserted she had obtained statements signed by three physicians after the "baby market" was uncovered accidentally by Miss Helen Schaeffer, director of the local children's service bureau.

At least four babies have been "sold" recently, Mrs. Bassett said, for sums ranging from \$70 to \$100, the physicians allegedly taking the money as "costs for hospitalization."

Oklahoma has no law under which such cases can be prosecuted, Mrs. Bassett declared.

Mrs. Bassett indicated she will have the testimony of witnesses and the statements signed by the physicians ready for submission to the society within a few days.

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"The girls agreed because they had been betrayed and were at a low ebb, both physically and mentally, and because they were so desperately poor they could not pay hospital costs and care for the children," Mrs. Bassett said.

### CUBAN VENGEANCE FORCES SUICIDE ON HAVANA CHIEF

HAVANA, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Brigadier A. B. Ainciar, Havana's last chief of police under President Gerardo Machado and held responsible by the opposition for many political slayings, shot and killed himself tonight when he was trapped by police and soldiers.

Sought since last Saturday when Machado fled the country, Ainciar was found hiding under a cool stove in a house in the Alameda section of Havana. When ordered to give himself up, Ainciar shot himself with a pistol he always carried.

Ainciar was all alone at the end—the who never appeared on the streets unless three or four guards rode with him and another automobile preceding or following shielded him from danger with machine guns, rifles and saved-off shotguns.

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### BEST LAID PLANS OF DOCTOR AWRY

TOLEDO, Ore., Aug. 19.—(AP)—Like the story of the house that Jack built, is the one related by Dr. H. W. Hellwehr today. There was a Toledo store where the doctor went to buy a shotgun to kill the cat that caught the bantam chicken that was bought to kill the earrings that were eating the plants that grew in the garden that Mrs. Hellwehr planted. The document will have to be written later. The cat has failed to make its appearance since the doctor bought the gun.

### HYDE PARK REST FOR PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—(AP)—President Roosevelt turned again tonight toward his ancestral home at Hyde Park after a week of strenuous and varied activity at the White House.

Before leaving for the Hudson river estate where he plans to spend two more weeks, the president kept close to his desk to put the final touches to his national recovery program.

He will return on Labor Day—the time set for full enforcement of the NRA order for American industry.

**Quartet Held for Theft.**

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### BASEBALL

Los Angeles	R. H. E.
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Sacramento	0 3 0
Batteries: Newsum and McMullen; Horne and Wirtz	
Night Games.	
Portland	R. H. E.
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Hollywood	4 12 0
Batteries: Turpin and Palmisano; Wetzel, Buchanan, Schultze and Summers, Frank.	

### WINTER CAMPS OF FOREST TROOPERS IN WARM CLIMES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Forest conservation officials today attacked the lack of selecting suitable winter locations more substantial quarters and heavier clothing for the more than 300,000 men whose enrollment in the civilian conservation corps for a second six months period has been authorized by President Roosevelt.

Although new enrollments to keep the forest army up to its full strength of 314,000 will not begin immediately, they said the more than 2000 applications which have come in for winter camp sites—mostly from southern states—were being studied.

Robert Peckner, director of the program, estimated today the full number of 1450 camps would be necessary to take care of the men during the winter. Camps to be abandoned in colder areas and those to be added in warmer regions will be selected within a few days by the forest service and the interior department.

War department officials went ahead with plans for taking care of the workers, including providing wooden barracks in climates necessitating more substantial quarters, and supplying heavier clothing for men in northern states.

### REPEAL WINS IN MISSOURI, 4 TO 1, ON EARLY COUNT

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Incomplete unofficial reports from 1510 out of 4128 precincts in Missouri gave: for repeal 224,934; against repeal 72,345. In this total 300 out of 659 precincts in St. Louis gave 76,170 for repeal and 3,550 against. Two hundred six out of 544 precincts in Kansas City gave 55,206 for repeal to 3,752 against.

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ST. LOUIS, Aug. 19.—(AP)—A trend of approximately 4 to 1 for repeal was shown by scattered early reports gathered in Missouri tonight before the closing of the polls.

Sixty precincts out of 4173 gave for repeal 8,300; against 2,894.

Repeal was favored more than 60 to 1 in the first 12 precincts in Kansas City to report. The vote gave: for repeal 4,320; against 89.

Seven towns and counties, representing a wide area, gave 3,252 votes for repeal of the eighteenth amendment and 832 for its retention. Little general interest was manifest.

The first of the 689 precincts in the city of St. Louis to report tonight on the prohibition repeal election gave 302 votes for repeal and five against.

**Texas Next**

AUSTIN, Tex., Aug. 19.—(AP)—Ratification of repeal of the eighteenth amendment and revision of the state constitution to allow the manufacture and sale of the 32 beer before the Texas electorate for decision next Saturday.

Texas will be the 28th state to vote on the proposition of eliminating prohibition from the nation's fundamental law.

WENATCHEE, Wash., Aug. 19.—(AP)—Bids were called today by the Washington State Columbia Basin commission for the first actual construction work on the \$63,000,000 Grand Coulee dam in the Columbia river.

**WILL ROGERS says:**  
 Well, flew in here last night from Chicago. Come to the old fountain of rumors to watch the hired boys work under perspiration. The town has got "coditis." Every time you come to Washington somebody is headlined. All the interest is centered there. Last time I was here they were featuring J. P. Morgan, one of the R. F. C., but this time all brief cases can be followed and they lead to the Hoover building. (The department of commerce building, covering the lower end of the District of Columbia and the entire northeastern part of Virginia.) Well, this old Oklahoma Johnson is in there and he is pipin in Washington now. You bring your "code" to him. He unquodes it, re-codes you another one, you sign it, get you a bluebird and go back in business again.

*Will Rogers*  
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