EVAN CROW FACES CHARGE OF THEFT SECOND HAND CAR

Evan L. Crow, whose two years and six months state prison sentence for burglary not in a dwelling, in May, 1932, was the basis of an attempted recall of Circuit Judge H. D. Norton and listed as "a breakdown of law and order," and Chester Webb of this city are charged with grand larceny in a complaint sworn to by Perry L. Ashcraft, Ashland garage man. Crow was released from the state penitentiary several months ago, authorities state.

The complaint alleges that Crow and Webb represented to Ashcraft they intended to purchase a used auto valued at $45, and afterwards drove it to this city without his consent, where they parked it on the street and it was later found. The pair are detained in the county jail and will be arraigned in justice court this afternoon.

Ashcraft, within the month, was the complaining witness against Leroy Spencer, now serving a two-year state prison sentence on a plea of guilty to the theft of an auto left in his garage. Spencer was apprehended at Chehalis, Wash., and brought back here.

Records of the city police and district attorney's office show that Crow has been the beneficiary of several paroles both in the local juvenile and higher courts, and that he was also paroled from a Portland court on a bad check charge. The authorities state Crow was involved in the theft of seven autos from the streets of this city in two nights. The district attorney's office reports he has been in more or less trouble with the law for nearly ten years. Chief of Police McCredie says the "bane of the boy's life has been other people's autos."

Webb, jointly charged with Crow, has never before been involved. Both are youths in their early twenties.

ADRIENNES STORE TO BE ENLARGED

In order to give better service to their southern Oregon and northern California patrons, Adrienne's are enlarginf their local store to three times its present size, and they are closing out their Grants Pass shop and will concentrate all of their efforts in Medford, according to Adrienne Steward, who left for Grants Pass today to start the closing-out sale.

A large stock of women's and children's shoes, a modern beauty parlor and a chiropody department will be moved to the Medford store. The present store has been constantly enlarged and improved to give better service. The new store, which they plan to have completed by September first, will be the largest project ever undertaken by Mr. and Mrs. Steward.

ANNIVERSARY OF WURTS' OBSERVED

Wurts Gifts, well known Medford store, is celebrating its fifth anniversary with a special lot of birthday specials, according to a statement today by Jack Wurts, owner and manager of this firm. Such items as dinnerware, stationery, bridge sets, children's apparel, and shoes and cholonne vases are included in this anniversary sale.

As a special inducement to anniversary shoppers, Jack Wurts is featuring a free membership in his book club with every dollar purchase, according to his anniversary advertising. This membership provides free use of a large circulating library, kept up to the minute through regular addition of new, popular fiction, books of travel and adventure and educational works.

Much talked of books such as Anthony Adverse, Merchants of Death, Dead Man's Hat and Walls of Gold are now available in Wurts Book Shop.

New fixtures have been added to Wurts' store and sections completely rearranged.

Suits Over Logs Heard By Court

A circuit court petit jury was called this morning before Judge H. D. Norton in the civil action of R. L. Lockwood against A. L. Coggins for $325.80 with interest at 6 per cent since November, 1931, for money allegedly due on a logging contract. The original amount was for $640, partial payment being made. The case has been hanging fire for three years in one legal form or another.

Phoenix Grangers Planning Program

Phoenix Grange is sponsoring something different in the line of entertainment Saturday, June 23, at 8 p. m.

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It's Weather That Causes Drought —But Man Gets Some Blame, too

By F. B. COLTON
(Associated Press Science Writer)

WASHINGTON— (AP) —Man has made the present record-breaking drought worse in its effects in many sections than it would have been 40 years ago, but its main cause is failure of moisture-laden warm air to rise into the cool upper air where its vapor could be condensed and fall as rain.

This is the verdict of weather bureau experts who have been studying droughts, their causes and possible methods of ameliorating them for many years.

There is only one way to make it rain, they explain. That is to get warm air, with moisture evaporated from the earth's surface, up to heights where the temperature is cooler. When this moist, warm air is cooled, it can hold less moisture, and so the excess turns from vapor into water, and falls as rain.

A drought represents a failure on the part of nature to perform this process over a greater or lesser area. The great air masses which control weather may become stagnant, with the result that the normal process of moist warm air masses from the south meeting cold air masses from the north and riding up over them with resulting condensation and rainfall, is interrupted. Excessive heat also may warm up the northern air so much that it does not cool the southern moist air sufficiently to produce much rain.

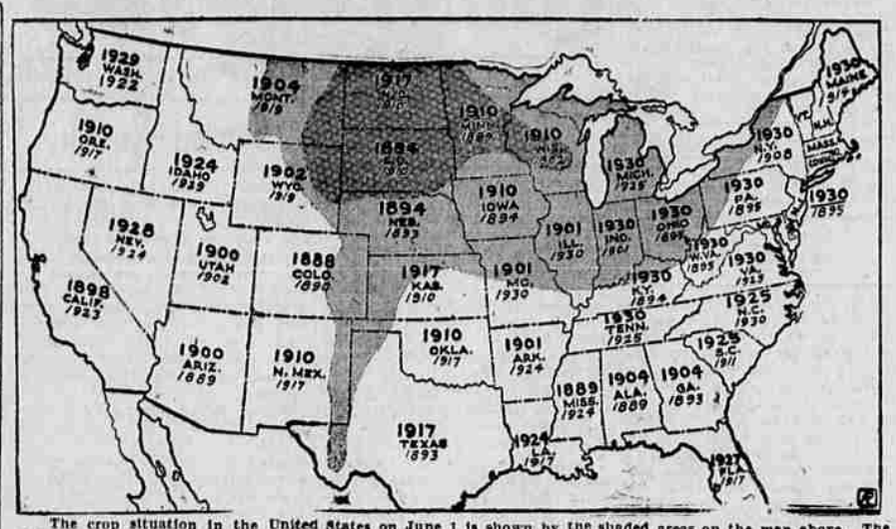
Grass Cover Factor.

But although these whims of nature are beyond the control of anything man may do, his farming and grazing activities in large areas have made this drought more devastating than the same drought would have been in the nineties, the scientists say.

This is because cultivation and over-grazing have removed the normal cover of grass or trees. As a result the soil, when dried by drought, is now exposed to the ravages of wind storms; seeds are blown out of the ground, or smothered under blown soil, tons of good top soil are blown away and land made worthless. With a grass cover, this could not happen.

U. S. Drought Local.

There is no evidence that the world is "drying up," says the weather bureau. Droughts are a fairly normal occurrence, for there is one somewhere in the United tSates almost every year, lasting three weeks or more. This country experienced severe droughts in 1854, 1856, 1857, 1860, 1863-64, 1870, 1881, 1893-95, 1901, 1911, 1916, 1924 and 1930. However, the present one is the most serious in weather bureau records from the standpoint of area affected and deficiency of rainfall.



The crop situation in the United States on June 1 is shown by the shaded areas on the map above. The dark section indicates the critical area; the lighter shaded section those areas designated as serious. Weather bureau figures show that droughts are not isolated phenomena, and its experts hold that man has made this one worse in its effects by over-cultivation of land and over-grazing, which have removed a normal grass cover. The lowest rainfall for any previous year on record in the various states is shown by the heavy numerals; the second lowest for any previous year by the lighter.

The American drought, while severe, is only a local one. The world, as a whole, is not suffering from lack of rain, although crops in southern and eastern Europe, southern Russia and Great Britain are suffering from drought to some extent.

Water, as usual, is evaporating under the rays of the sun and being taken up into the air, but it is falling as rain this year in the south and east and over the Atlantic. Next year it may rain plentifully again in the present drought regions.

However, nature gave ample warning of this drought in many of the drier western states, and the weather bureau has collected evidence that there are cycles of wet and dry years in many parts of the United States, although of varying lengths and not predictable.

Steady Decrease in Rainfall.

In many of the northwestern states there has been a fairly steady decrease in average annual rainfall for 25 years. Before that time rainfall had been increasing for at least 15 years until 1908 when the trend was reversed. Minnesota, for example, had nearly 30 per cent less rain in the 10 years ending in 1933 than in the decade ending in 1908. This decline of rainfall centered in Minnesota but covered the northern plains to the west, especially the Dakotas, and extended east to the western lake region. All the drought states have had deficit rainfall for at least two or three years.

HOLLAND FRUIT IMPORTER HERE

C. E. deVries of Rotterdam, Holland, is spending today and Friday in Medford, as the representative of N. V. Handelmaatschappij Warmond, and while in the city is conferring with pear and apple shippers, in interests of fruit shipments to Holland.

Mr. deVries is on his first visit to the United States, and has been in Washington, conferring with fruit growers at Yakima, Wenatchee and Spokane. Seven years ago he introduced Pinnacle pears in Holland, he said today. The company Mr. deVries represents, deals exclusively with the American Fruitgrowers and the Northwest Fruit exchange.

He plans to leave here Saturday morning for Sacramento, from which city he will continue to New York, sailing for Rotterdam the first week in July.

An official survey of 3,305 rural homes in a typical North Carolina county revealed 31 log houses.

MASONS WILL ENJOY JERUSALEM PICTURES ON FRIDAY EVENING

Friday night, June 22, Southern Oregon Masons will be privileged to see pictures entitled "Temples of Jerusalem." These were actually taken in Jerusalem and contain much information of great interest to all Masons.

These pictures are of great value and are the result of many years of careful study and hard work. Medford lodge is extremely fortunate in being allowed the privilege of seeing them.

They will be shown and a lecture given by M. W. Arnold of Mt. Hood Lodge No. 32 of Vancouver, Wash., through whose courtesy they are allowed to be shown.

This promises to be an interesting and educational program and all Masons in southern Oregon are cordially invited to attend.

The coal reserves of the world, it is estimated, approximate 7,863,555,000,000 metric tons.

STATE TO BATTLE SCHERMERHORN'S PLEA FOR PARDON

The state of Oregon, through the attorney-general, will oppose the granting of a parole to Gordon L. Schermerhorn, former sheriff of Jackson county, under a three-year term in state prison for conviction of ballot-theft conspiracy. A hearing on the parole application will be heard here Saturday, June 30, before Circuit Judge George F. Skipworth of Eugene, trial judge in the vote-stealing cases.

Assistant Attorney General Ralph E. Moody, special prosecutor in the criminal actions growing out of the turmoil engineered by agitators L. A. Banks and E. H. Fehl, will represent the state in the proceedings. He will arrive a day or so before the hearing to arrange details.

The court has power, under Oregon law, to grant a parole, to a convicted person any time before he is delivered to the custody of the warden of the penitentiary. After that he is within the jurisdiction of the state parole board.

An order granting Schermerhorn a stay of execution on delivery to the state prison, until after the hearing, was filed yesterday afternoon with the county clerk's office.

The mandate of the supreme court, directing that Schermerhorn be delivered to the penitentiary is expected to be received soon. It will become effective as soon as a decision is made on the parole application.

Schermerhorn is expected to show through witnesses, that up to the time of his association with Banks and Fehl, he was a long time and exemplary citizen of this county, of good moral character, and law-abiding; that the ends of justice would not be prevented by granting him a parole, because of his years, and previous record, and that since his sentence he has suffered the depths of mental anguish and regret.

The state is expected to introduce affidavits of former compatriots of Schermerhorn, now serving prison terms for vote-stealing, alleging the role that he played in the crime; that leniency, and every recourse of the law have been extended to him; that opportunity was extended him to plead guilty of a lesser crime and receive a parole, but he preferred a trial, after discarding the advice of old friends; that evidence upon which a jury found him guilty does not justify a parole, and that his official position at the time of the ballot theft increased his culpability.

The evidence at the trial showed that while Schermerhorn was not an active participant in the crime, he had guilty knowledge of its commission, and watched from across the street, while the first load of ballots was being carted away in an auto for destruction.

Leads Southern Vets

Gen. Rice A. Pierce (above) of Union City, Tenn., succeeds Gen. Homer Atkinson as commander of the United Confederate Veterans. He took over the post at the annual reunion at Chattanooga. (Associated Press Photo)

TWO LONE VETERANS AT G. A. R. CONVENTION

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah.—(UP)—Two 90-year-old Civil war veterans were the sole representatives of the Utah department, Grand Army of the Republic, at its 52nd annual convention here. They were Department Commander Elias Price, Salt Lake, and Junion Vice Commander John W. Widdoes, American Fork. Eight other survivors in the state were unable to reach the convention. Five years ago the department had 51 members.

WILLAMETTE CONCERT COMPANY COMING TO METHODIST CHURCH

The Willamette University Concert company and opera quintet which comes to the First Methodist church on Tuesday, June 26, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid, comes with a reputation and experience not usually found in college groups. Each member of the company is a soloist of distinction and member of the famous Philharmonic choir which was chosen to represent the state of Oregon at the Century of Progress exposition last summer, giving 50 concerts en route with several radio appearances, one being a coast-to-coast broadcast over NBC while in Chicago. The quartet offers a program of the highest quality and with a large and varied repertoire. They are constantly in demand for radio and public appearances. Miss Clara Wright is a music major in the school of music and pianiste. Miss Genevieve Thayer is a reader of distinction. Curtis Preston, a young chap of 16 years and a ward of Professor Marshall, will be heard in the quintet. His future as a singer is quite promising. Where local conditions permit, the concert will close with a short but high-class comic opera. The local appearance will be under the direction of Cameron Marshall, dean of the school of music, who will also be heard in a group of songs.

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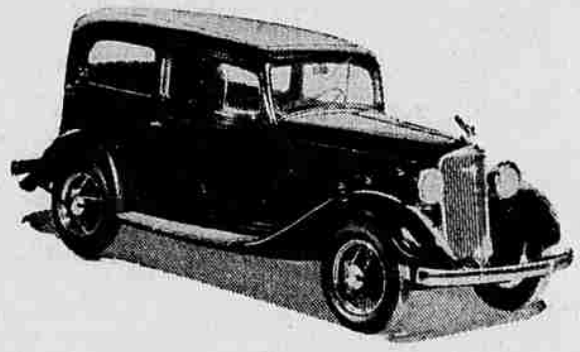

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