

Pacific Coast News In Brief

MOTHER PLEADS FOR SON'S SAKE
MEDFORD, Ore.—Circuit Judge C. M. Thomas has received a letter from Mrs. Vera Depew of Portland, mother of Charles Depew, held in jail at Jacksonville on a bootlegging charge, asking leniency for her son. "I know he is no angel," said the letter, "but he has always been good to me and if in your wisdom you can find it possible to spare him the brand of a jailbird, it would ease a mother's heart."
 No action has been taken on the plea.

NORTHWEST PAINTERS ELECT PORTLAND MAN
SPOKANE, Wash.—Officers elected at the closing session of the Northwest painters' conference Monday were: President, George Larkin, Portland, re-elected; vice-president, A. Kellogg, Hoquiam; secretary-treasurer, Henry Arends, Everett, re-elected; trustees, A. Brock of Seattle, T. O. Slack of Spokane, re-elected, and A. H. Hartert, Tacoma. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Olympia in July on the Saturday and Sunday preceding the convention of the state federation of labor.

"EMPTY" GUN GOES OFF; BEND BOY INJURED
BEND, Ore.—A .22-caliber pistol, supposedly unloaded, in the hands of a 12-year-old boy, George Campbell, son of J. W. Campbell of this city, resulted in a painful injury Saturday afternoon when the weapon was discharged, the lead entering the boy's leg near the hip. The lead has been removed, but the boy suffered an injury which it is believed will be permanent.

MARIN FREE FROM CATTLE DISEASE
San Rafael, Cal.—No outbreak of the hoof-and-mouth disease has been found in Marin county, according to a report made here today by Farm Advisor M. B. Bolosvain. W. N. Bueher, veterinarian of Novato, has been appointed to represent the state and federal agricultural departments during the provisional quarantine placed on Marin county to prevent spread of the disease.

MINISTER DISAPPEARS FOUL PLAY FEARED
SANTA CLARA, Cal.—Foul play is feared in the disappearance of the Rev. John Martyr, Baptist clergyman, who disappeared from his home here three weeks ago. When last seen he was on an errand of mercy to a poor family. Rev. Mr. Martyr has been working continuously in the foreign colonies of this county and police are searching for signs of enmity against him in the valley.

PARROT INHERITS \$1000 BY MASTER'S WILL
PORTLAND, Ore.—A beloved parrot, capable of singing popular songs in English and French, has been left \$1000 in the will of the late Thomas B. Whitney, ex-hotel man of California and Oregon, who died February 19.
 "Since his wife died he lavished all his attention on his parrot," C. W. Kern reported, to whom the care of the bird was left.
 "Polly" is 57 years of age and is strayed in fashionable spring colors of green and yellow.

MAYOR BROWN WINS IN SEATTLE ELECTION
SEATTLE, Wash.—Mayor Brown and Alfred H. Lundin were nominated as mayoralty candidates in the primary election held here Tuesday, according to complete returns from all of the city's 294 precincts. Mayor Brown polled a plurality of 4551 votes over Lundin. The unofficial returns tabulated from the 294 precincts gave: Brown, 27,592; Lundin, 23,041; Erickson, 17,344.

PLAN FOR MEMORIAL TO ANIMALS BRINGS MUCH CRITICISM

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The scheme to erect a cenotaph at a cost of \$10,000 to the memory of animals, birds, and fish killed in battle during research work during the war, is meeting with much criticism and ridicule, and many protests from animal lovers are reaching the papers.
 Some protest against the waste of so much money, which if invested, would save the lives of hundreds of dogs every year. Others take a sarcastic tone and inquire if the promoters anticipate a yearly pilgrimage of representatives of all the birds, beasts and fishes lost in the war.

BUSINESS STAYS AT HIGH LEVELS

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—Production and distribution of goods in the 12th federal reserve district continued evenly at high levels during January, 1924, says the report of John Perrin, chairman. Reporting member banks in seven principal cities have increased their loans slightly in response to the credit requirements of customers, while at the same time reducing their own borrowings from the Federal Reserve Bank.
 The report continues:
 "All member banks, both city and country, were borrowing \$40,711,000 from the Federal Reserve Bank on February 13, 1924, compared with total borrowings of \$45,296,000 on January 16th. Since the holiday peak of December 26th such borrowings have declined \$24,244,000 or 37 per cent. A similar decline was experienced a year ago, but it amounted to only \$2,826,000 or 7 per cent. Deposit and Federal Reserve note liabilities of the Reserve Bank were less by approximately \$7,000,000 on February 13th than on January 16th, total reserves increased \$12,000,000 during the four week period, and the reserve ratio of the bank rose from 77.7 to 82.7 the latter figure being the highest reached since the Armistice.
 "Industrial production has been maintained at high levels. Lumber mills of the district cut 11 per cent more lumber during January, 1924, than during January, 1923. Both shipments and orders received exceeded in amount lumber cut during the month, laying the foundation for a normal seasonal increase in output during the spring.
 "Production of the principal metals of the district (gold, silver, copper, lead, and zinc) has continued

large in volume, although slight declines in output of copper and silver are indicated by preliminary statistics for January. Average daily production of petroleum in California was 4.5 per cent less in January, 1924, than in December, 1923, and 31 per cent less than in the peak month of September, 1923. Following this decline in production, which has materially reduced the rate of increase of storage stocks, prices of petroleum were advanced from \$1.01 to \$1.40 per barrel (oil of 35 degrees gravity and above) on February 5th. In October, 1923, such oil sold for 76 cents per barrel.
 "The number and value of building permits issued in 20 principal cities of the district during January, 1924, was seasonally large, exceeding the number and value of permits issued during January, 1923, by 12.6 and 27.0 per cent, respectively.
 "The employment situation may be characterized as normal with considerable unemployment among workers in those industries which usually operate at a reduced rate, if at all, during the winter.
 "Normal growth of business activity, both as compared with one month ago and one year ago, is indicated by the amount of checks drawn against accounts at banks (bank debts) in 20 cities of the district during January. Gains of 1.2 per cent as compared with December, 1923, and of 6.8 per cent as compared with January, 1923, were reported. Retail trade has been seasonally active in most sections of the district, at levels slightly above those of a year ago. In the wholesale trade some lines were active and others quiet during January, but in general the volume of goods sold was greater than one year ago.
 "The general trend of prices of the principal products of the district has been upward. Advances and declines in prices of crops still being marketed and in prices of livestock have been evenly distributed. Prices of the industrial metals, copper, lead, and zinc, rose appreciably during the latter part of January and the early

EXAMINATION FOR P. O. JOBS

The United States civil service commission announces a postoffice clerk carrier examination, to be held on March 15, 1924, for the purpose of establishing an eligible register from which selections may be made to fill vacancies as they may occur in the position of clerk or carrier, postoffice service, Klamath Falls, salary \$1400 per annum; substitute service 60 cents an hour.
 All citizens of the United States who meet the requirements, both men and women, may enter this examination. Appointing officers, however, have the legal right to specify the sex desired in requesting certification of eligibles. Age limits, 18 to 45 years on the date of examination. Age limits do not apply to persons entitled to preference on account of military or naval service.
 For further information and application blank apply to Helen Spiker, local secretary, board of civil service examiners, at Klamath Falls, Oregon, or to the secretary, Eleventh United States Service District, 207 Postoffice Building, Seattle, Wash.

PIERCE REPORTED IMPROVING RAPIDLY

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 23.—Governor Pierce is reported improving rapidly. He requested to be allowed to dictate some letters today. Physicians were expected to advise him to remain in the hospital another week as a precaution.
 week of February. Lumber prices have remained steady at previous levels.

TIME TO START WAR ON PESTS

BY C. A. HENDERSON.
 The past week numerous calls have come to the county agent's office for poisoned grain for squirrel poisoning. This is a little earlier than usual but poisoning is advisable as soon as the squirrels make their initial appearance. Arrangements are being made to distribute a quantity of poison to the various stores scattered throughout the county, so that everyone will have the opportunity of securing it without coming to the county agent's office. Last year poisoned oats were carried by J. L. Sparretorn, Bonanza; Bly Mercantile company, Bly; Mack's Cash Store on the Merrill road; Merrill Mercantile company, Merrill; the Kallina store, Malin, and the Cash Grocery, Keno.
 Within the next few days the matter will be taken up with these stores, to see if they will again kindly consent to handle this material as an accommodation to the farmers in their respective districts.
 The best results on poisoning are secured on warm, sunny days, when there is little or no wind. A few grains of poisoned oats placed near the mouth of the hole or burrow, is sufficient. Care should be

taken not to place the poisoned grain out in large quantities, as it is not necessary to do this in order to secure the best results and if placed in too large quantities, might prove dangerous to certain types of livestock. When properly placed there is no danger of this.
 At the present time squirrels have made their appearance throughout the entire valley from Klamath Falls to Malin and this entire territory should be poisoned on the first favorable day. Every female poisoned at this time means cutting the future crop down on an average of about eight. Some work conducted last year showed that a female carried an average of 7.8 young, each, which means that a little poison now will save a lot later on.
FARMERS PREPARE FOR SPRING SOWING
OKANOGAN, Wash., Feb. 23.—Farmers of the Okanogan valley are preparing to put in their spring crops at a time of year which is claimed to surpass any preceding

spring sowings in the history of the district. No earlier season has been recorded by pioneers of the valley, it was reported.
 The heat is made possible due to the recent thaw and continued good weather throughout the locality. Last year snow lay on the ground until the first of April and in sheltered nooks until about the first of May.
 Plan to have trees, shrubs and berries ready to plant just as soon as the ground can be worked. Pack dirt firmly around the roots. Plantings should be made just as early as the ground will permit packing without consequent baking. Winter planting is desirable only when the ground is dry enough to handle without baking.—D. A. C.
 Vengeance
 From the Progressive Grocer:
 "When I'm a war—" began Bobbie after a stormy interview with his father.
 "What will you do?" asked his mother.
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