

# THE EVENING NEWS

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ROSEBURG, DOUGLAS COUNTY, OREGON, THURSDAY, JULY 31, 1919.

**THE WEATHER**  
Tonight and Friday, Fair.  
Highest temp. yesterday, 74.  
Lowest temp. last night, 57.

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## BUYING POWER OF DOLLAR ALARMING

President Told That There is Increasing Unrest in U.S. On This Account.

## MUST HAVE MORE PAY

Railroad Men Inform Administration Wages Are Inadequate—Cost of Living Must Be Lowered or Wages Come Up.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, July 31.—Deeply impressed by the statement made by Warren S. Stone, chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, that there is great and constantly increasing unrest throughout the country and directly to the decreased purchasing power of a dollar, President Wilson is giving "deep and very thoughtful consideration" to the high cost and still upward tendency in practically every staple commodity used, and is also devoting much attention to those branches of the government that might aid in solving the problem, according to a White House announcement this morning. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers has also informed the federal railway administration that the employees must have another increase in wages unless immediate steps are taken to reduce the cost of living. Heads of departments which may be able to assist in the program of bringing about a decrease in prices of commodities have been put to work on the problem, which is viewed as a very serious situation. Looking to relief to at least a limited extent, the government today took the first step toward inaugurating a plan for selling direct to the consumers one hundred and twenty five million dollars worth of army food supplies every postmaster and mail carrier will be pressed into service as salesman. Secretary of War Baker, Postmaster-General Burleson and representative Kelley, of Pennsylvania, are authors of a house resolution proposing a plan for distribution of army supplies to the people direct, and the details of the plan worked out and the necessary put into working order as fast as possible.

**QUESTION FOR U. S.**  
Senator New told the president also that he was uncompromisingly opposed to Article X of the League of Nations covenant. The senator alleged that the question of reservations was one for the United States to decide for themselves, regardless of what other nations might have done.

**RESERVATIONS ASSURED.**  
WASHINGTON, July 31.—Mr. Back is stiffer than ever over ratification of the League only with reservations. Senator Keyes, republican, of New Hampshire, remarked after he returned from a conference with the president. The republican senator of Indiana, republican, stated that he told the president it would be "utterly impossible to get the senate to accept the treaty as it stands," and that it must either be ratified with reservations or fail.

**UNIVERSAL TRAINING.**  
WASHINGTON, July 31.—Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, has introduced a bill providing for universal army, navy and vocational training of young men between the ages of 18 and 20, and for a national registration system.

**TROOPS QUELL RIOTS.**  
CHICAGO, July 31.—Following four days of rioting during which thirty persons were killed and probably a thousand more injured in the fighting, some of them seriously or perhaps fatally, six thousand soldiers are today patrolling the streets of Chicago. The governor of Illinois ordered the troops out at midnight on the fourth day of rioting. Although the troops are patrolling the streets the city is not under martial law. State troops are working in conjunction with the police force in patrolling the city. Mayor Thompson stated that he has information of a plot to burn down a large section of the "black belt" and that fifty fires have occurred there in the past 24 hours. The prospect is also good for an early settlement of the street car employees' strike.

**FIVE CARS SOLD IN A DAY.**  
R. E. Harness reports the sale of a car load of Nash touring cars in three days, the purchasers being L.

## WALTER FISHER HOME.

After more than a year spent overseas, Walter Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fisher, of this city, returned to his home in Roseburg last night. He served in the ordinance department and was one of the large number of newspaper men who, as guests of the government, toured the countries of Europe to learn more about the great work of reconstruction now in progress.

## CALIFORNIA FRUIT OFFICIALS HERE

P. L. Busch, civil engineer, and A. C. Peterson, northwest manager of the California Packing Corporation, spent yesterday and today in Roseburg attending to business matters in connection with the construction of the packing house, which is now being built in North Roseburg. This is the 8th plant to be established by the California Corporation which has maintained a representative in Roseburg for several years. Mr. A. G. Sutherland, the present representative has gained sufficient contacts since being employed to make it profitable for the concern to establish a packing plant here and workmen are now engaged in its erection. Mr. Sutherland will be retained as local manager and will have complete charge of the business in this county. It is expected to have the building erected and machinery installed by September 15 and it is hoped to commence operation October 1st.

## NEWLY APPOINTED INSPECTOR HERE

E. C. Armstrong, of Salem, recently appointed as county fruit inspector, arrived in Roseburg today to take up his duties. Accompanied by Mr. Peary, an inspector was made of numerous orchards and Mr. Armstrong found several of the orchards freely affected with the disease. He states that by proper care a large amount of the disease can be eradicated and he will immediately take measures to prevent its spread. He has had a great deal of experience in fruit work and is well recommended by well known horticulturists.

## LOWER RATE FOLLOWS RETURN OF SYSTEMS

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, July 31.—President Mackay of the Postal Telegraph Co. announced today that a 20 per cent reduction in telegraph rates would immediately prevail when the return of the system to back to private control at 12 o'clock tonight.

## MCLEROY'S JAZZ BAND COMING TO ROSEBURG

J. C. McElroy's jazz band, popular all over the state as a high-grade musical organization, is planning to stop in this city on its way to Klamath Falls, probably next Thursday night, and will give a dance here in the armory, which has already been secured for the occasion. The aggregation of musicians have been engaged to render music for the dances at Klamath Falls during the Elks convention, for which place they will leave the coming week.

**SERVICE AT CRATER LAKE.**  
A novel service will be conducted on the rim of Crater Lake at the hotel, on Sunday evening, August 10th, at 8 o'clock p. m. This will be the second annual praise and preaching service conducted by Rev. John W. Hoyt, Sunday school missionary of the Presbyterian church. Last year a large attendance gathered in the parlor of the Lodge and a very successful meeting was conducted. This year all who can are asked to make the trip and attend this meeting. A volunteer choir is wanted for the occasion and any who can assist in this way are asked to help.

## APPRAISEMENT WORK PLANE PROCURED IS NOW COMPLETE TO PATROL FOREST

Assessor Guy Gordon Mailing Out Notices to Property Owners Affected.

## EQUITABLE ADJUSTMENT ROSEBURG TO BE BASE

Adjustment of Values Has Been Necessary on Account of the Old Style and Method Which Was Not Fair to All Alike.

The County Assessor is today busy sending out certificates of assessment of real property, the values of which were changed as a result of the reappraisal work done the last two years. "This work was made necessary," said Assessor Gordon, when interviewed today by a News representative, "by the old hit-and-miss methods of assessment which used to prevail in this and the other counties of the state, and which resulted in the placing of values out of all proportion to each other, thus working injustice in many cases. "The system under which the new values have been placed insures an equitable assessment of all real estate, wherever located. A scale of values has been computed, which varies for the different classes of land, and is graduated according to distance from market. This scale has been applied to all the land of the county by one man, thus doing away with the old method of dividing the county into districts, which resulted in a different set of values for each district and worked great injustice in many cases. "The scale of values also takes care of the increased value of land wherever commercial orchards grow something we have needed for years. Non-bearing orchard and non-commercial orchard carries no assessed value, the land only in such cases being assessed. "It is inevitable that a few errors should creep in in doing a work of this kind. In order that we may correct these errors, certificates of assessment, showing changed values, are sent to all property owners affected, requesting them to compare values with their neighbors, and report any mistakes. It is needless to say that such errors will be immediately corrected. "It will not be necessary to pay a re-appraisal fee on land values in this county for a number of years. Non-bearing orchard and non-commercial orchard carries no assessed value, the land only in such cases being assessed. "I am glad to state that I have been able to do all this extra work without increasing my annual budget a dollar; in fact, made a slight reduction. "It is only fair to say that the success of the whole work has in a large measure been due to the wise judgment and untiring efforts of Deputy Assessor Reeder, who has done practically all of the field work connected with the reappraisal. I feel that Douglas County has been fortunate in having a man of his caliber on the job.

## ARRIVE IN PORTLAND.

PORTLAND, July 31.—Sergeant Frank McKee, army aviator, arrived from Camp Lewis at 12:00. Lieutenant Kiel, his companion-aviator, had not arrived as yet. McKee said that he had seen the officer in a cloud bank while passing over the Chohoma river.

## MEET. KIL SAFE.

(By Associated Press.)  
PORTLAND, July 31.—Lieut. Kiel, flying from Tacoma to Salem, arrived here at 2:30 today after being lost in the fog and clouds for two hours while enroute.

The above intelligence following directly upon one from the office of State Forester Cogh, greatly encouraged local forestry officials who have been working valiantly, and so far with excellent success, to control the fire situation in the Oregon National Forest. The message from the State Forester, stated that 19 two machines are assigned to duty in Oregon that one of them will be located in Portland to cover the active part of the state and the other in Roseburg to patrol Southern Oregon. At present the situation is severe and Mr. Barham is working a worried expression. His men are working day and night but to spite of the fact the shortage of labor in proving a decided handicap and men to fight the fires cannot be obtained. A small fire is now on its way from Rock Creek to Tillamook Creek, near Diamond Lake to quiet a large conflagration which is burning in a restricted clearing in thousands of dollars worth of timber every day. Only 10 men were available and the tiny force will be compelled to cope with one of the largest fires of the year.

## PLANE PROCURED TO PATROL FOREST

Airplane Ordered From Camp Lewis to Salem For Protection From Fire.

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A report of the year's work has just been completed by the County School Superintendent, D. C. Brown, and has been forwarded to the State Superintendent. The report shows 5327 pupils of which 2829 were boys and 2498 girls. There were employed to teach these pupils 249 teachers of which number 240 were women instructors. Two hundred and sixty-five pupils completed the six grade during year, 140 being girls while 264 boys; and 222 girls were enrolled in the high schools. The percentage of attendance was 93 per cent. There are 128 organized districts in the county and 143 school-houses. One new school building was constructed during the year. The financial statement is as follows:

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| Cash on hand at time of making last annual report             | \$ 45,023.02 |
| Receipts from County Treasurer from district tax              | 123,129.88   |
| Receipts from County School Fund                              | 56,047.55    |
| Receipts from County Treasurer from state school fund         | 11,152.02    |
| Receipts from tuition for pupils below the high school grades | 196.74       |
| Received from sale of bonds & warrants                        | 9,204.96     |
| Received from the high school fund                            | 21,152.05    |
| Receipts for library from other sources than Co. library tax  | 127.07       |
| Received from all other sources                               | 9,978.75     |
| Total   | \$273,992.99 |

Disbursements:

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| Teachers' wages                            | \$137,826.14 |
| Rent of room and site                      | 551.19       |
| Fuel & supplies                            | 15,128.25    |
| Repairs, improvements and other work       | 14,422.92    |
| New school houses and sites                | 841.42       |
| Principal and interest on bonds & warrants | 43,119.69    |
| Insurance                                  | 1,344.17     |
| Clerk's salaries                           | 2,519.19     |
| Library books                              | 750.06       |
| Other purposes                             | 16,111.82    |
| Total                                      | \$232,858.49 |

Cash on hand, \$41,024.14. Of the total number of teachers 163 have had four year high school education only. This shows the thorough instruction given in the High School Teacher Training class, which have been newly introduced. Only fifty have had two years of normal school work. The average monthly salary of male

## ASSOCIATION SIGNS UP FRUIT LANDS

At a meeting held in Riddle yesterday evening, the Oregon Growers' Co-operative Association signed up approximately 100 acres of the acreage represented taking over some of the most productive fruit lands of the southern section of this county. The organization now controls practically 125 acres of land in the Riddle vicinity, all of it valuable prime territory. Tonight a meeting is to be held at Myrtle Creek and tomorrow the organization committee will be in Looking Glass and Garden Valley. Those taking part in the meeting were E. A. Pezzer, formerly county fruit inspector; J. F. Langdon, farm editor of the Oregon Journal; J. O. Holt, of the Eugene Growers Association, and C. I. Lewis, of the Oregon Agricultural College. These speakers will be present at the other meetings with the exception of Mr. Holt who is to return to Eugene after the meeting at Myrtle Creek tonight. The executive committee will be in Knappton Saturday to meet with the directors of the Oregon Valley Fruit Union and will continue the organization and contract with that organization.

## CRITICAL SITUATION STIRS CONGRESSMEN

(The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, July 31.—The high cost of living was debated by the senate today, and in connection considered the resolution proposing to reduce the amount of currency in circulation, which some claimed was practically responsible for the trouble creating the existing situation. Senator Podester, of Washington, remarked that the president had been given authority to read one hundred million dollars to buy food for distressed Europeans, but that it would be "impossible to get one million dollars for food for Americans."

## CAR TURNS TURTLE ON ROBERTS MOUNTAIN

The car driven by Bud Belcher of Glendale and occupied by a couple of his friends, turned turtle yesterday evening on Roberts mountain, the accident resulting in practically no damage to the car or its occupants. Mr. Belcher is a new driver with a new car and in turning out to allow another machine to pass, went too close to the bank and becoming confused allowed the car to go over. The top was badly smashed and all the passengers slightly injured and scratched, but otherwise unharmed. A message was phoned to the Ford Garage and a service car was sent out to bring the damaged machine to the city for repairs.

## ROAD WORK SATISFACTORY.

J. C. McElroy, assistant state highway engineer, spent yesterday in Roseburg attending to business matters. Mr. McElroy states that the road work is progressing very satisfactorily with very few difficulties. The paving companies have almost completed the task of erecting foot plants and will soon begin laying "hot stuff." The macadam base has been prepared and the hard surface will start very soon.

## SHORT-POKER NEXT TIME.

Just as the Paper T R. Hibbs this morning purchased the machine necessary for Ernest Short of Tree, who was wedded to Ethel Meyer, also of Tree. Both the contracting parties are well known in this section and have resided in the Tree country for many years. The room to the right of one of the finest residences in that section and the happy couple will make their home there in the future.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh J. Fretwell, of Hoaglin, Thursday, July 30, 1919.

## LOCAL COMPANY PURCHASE PLANE

Funds being Raised to Bring Commercial Machine to Fly in Roseburg.

## WILL ORDER NEXT WEEK

Large Amount is Already Subscribed and it is Intended to Complete Work and Send For Plane First Part of Week.

## PREPARING TO BEAT MEDFORD TO IT.

H. L. Perry, Harry Hildeburn, Leo Dewney and Roy Bellows, are today preparing to form a stock company for the purpose of buying an airplane for local commercial use. Already enough money has been secured already to assure the purchase of the machine and it is quite probable that the order will be sent in to Mather field early next week. In the event that the plane is bought, Mr. Perry will cancel the agreement with the Medford company and the money will be kept at home. Roseburg is one of the last cities in Oregon to purchase a plane. In nearly every other place of any size a company has been formed and the residents of the community are enjoying "sky-larking" at a moderate price per ride. The Medford machine has been kept going day and night and hundreds of citizens have paid liberally to circle over the city and mount to high altitudes. Those who bought the machine found their investment to be a veritable gold mine and are greatly pleased with the venture. The local committee is arranging affairs and expects to complete work Monday ready to order their plane from the government. The machine can be secured at Mather field, Sacramento and can be shipped here within a few days after the order is received. Tickets will be sold at prices which will vary in proportion to the duration of stay in the air and it is expected that many will take advantage of the opportunity offered to take a birdseye view of Roseburg and the Umpqua Valley, which is pronounced a beautiful sight from a high altitude. The prospective purchasers believe that sufficient interest has been shown in the flying game in Roseburg to warrant the purchase of a plane and consequently expect to keep the money at home instead of allowing it to go out of the community through the Medford corporation.

## SEVENTY-FIVE NEW STORES.

Announcement has just been made by the J. C. Penney Company of their intention to open about seventy-five new stores, the company has been authorized to some extent the expansion of this progressive company, but with the sale of \$3,000,000 per cent preferred stock the company is making extensive plans for their future business. These bonds have been sold to New York and Chicago brokers and will be put on the market. The able force of buyers in New York, St. Louis and St. Paul, selecting and buying for the 197 stores will give added power and prestige in the buying markets with the addition of 75 new stores. The rapid progress of this company is due to close application to details of the business, personal supervision and quick turning of capital. The manager of each store being a stockholder insures the life of the institution. Mr. J. C. Penney started in business at Kemmerer, Wyoming, in 1902. Sales that year were \$28,000.00. The sales for 1919 on the present rate will exceed \$28,000,000. The company has 125 stores in twenty-five states and the time is near when every state of the union will have its share of J. C. Penney Company stores.

## YOUNG FOLKS ENJOY SWIMMING PARTY

A delightful time was enjoyed last night by a large party of young folks of the city who motored to Winston to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Bradburn at a swimming party. After a dip in the waters of the South Umpqua a social time was enjoyed until a late hour in the evening when refreshments were served. Those present to enjoy the occasion were: Anna and Mabel Bryan, Bess and Jane Wharton, Edith Ueland, Myth Hannan, Margaret Pezzer, Gertrude East, Mrs. H. C. Washell, Ada Collier and Mrs. George Johnson, Jos. Murphy, Leo Dewney, Charles Springer, Lynn Skinner, George Johnson, Frank Clemens and W. K. Wright.

## MR. AND MRS. FRED M. POTTER RETURNED THIS MORNING TO THEIR HOME AT MYRTLE CREEK.

Mr. Potter was here to take the mechanical examination.

The Pigs are in the Clover

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