

WEATHER
Highest Yesterday ... 86
Lowest Last Night ... 62
Forecast tonight and Wednesday ...

ROSEBURG NEWS-REVIEW

THE man who is "too busy" to attend to his advertising is probably trying to do two men's work because the business isn't paying as it should.

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BUILDING FRAUD FOLLOWING FIRE

Three Killed and 47 Are Injured When Dance Hall Collapses

THIRTY PINNED DOWN
Without Warning, Building Collapsed at 2:30 This Morning—Firemen Were In Side Fighting Fire

(By Associated Press.)
YORK, Aug. 21.—A number of people were killed and injured in a three-story brick dance hall building in Brooklyn last night during a fire, burying under the rubble hundreds of people. The fire was much less than that indicated.

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COUNTY PICNIC TO BE HELD AUGUST 30

Farmers and Business Men Will Gather in Second Monthly Community Picnic at Hutton's Grove Thursday, Aug. 30.

Thursday, August 30, is the day set for the regular monthly picnic of the farmers and business men of Douglas county. Thursday of the fact that many of the merchants of Roseburg found it inconvenient to attend these picnics of Saturday, owing to the fact that the latter day is the large trading day for the city.

The picnic will be held in Hutton's Grove in Garden Valley, on the banks of the North Umpqua, a beautiful location and one easily reached by cars. It is expected that every merchant in Roseburg will be present at this picnic, and the large majority of the farmers of the county will undoubtedly be present, as the threshing and baling of hay will be about completed, and it will not yet be time to get busy in the fruit crops.

KLAN AND KAMELIA BARRED FROM N. Y.

(By United Press.)
ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 21.—The Ku Klux Klan and the Kamelia, its sister order, were permanently enjoined from continuing as membership corporations in New York state under a final order of Supreme Court Justice Staley filed here.

FRENCH REPLY TO BRITISH NOTE GIVEN

PARIS, Aug. 21.—The French reply to the recent British reparations note was handed to the British embassy today. It is regarded in official circles as conciliatory, though is unyielding on the outstanding features of the French policy.

ORIENTAL LINER IS STRANDED ON ROCKS

(By Associated Press.)
MANILA, Aug. 21.—The eastern oriental liner, Changsha, British carrying passengers and freight from Australia to Manila, went on the rocks at Titi bank, near the Tawi Tawi islands of the Philippines, according to a radio. A salvage vessel was sent.

FISHING BOAT STRUCK BY CANADIAN STEAMER

(By Associated Press.)
VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 21.—Ray Hoffman, of Seattle, was drowned and the Seattle fishing boat Decision was sunk off Port Townsend early today when the Canadian Pacific steamer Charlotte ran down the American boat in the fog. Captain Jensen of the Decision was rescued.

CRUISER SEATTLE ASHORE IN DENSE FOG

(By Associated Press.)
SEATTLE, Aug. 21.—The cruiser Seattle, flagship of the United States battleship fleet, went ashore at Narrows Point in Puget Sound in a dense fog early today, according to a radio message. The cruiser is not expected to be in any danger. It is expected to float at high tide. The naval tug Hohopac and Pawtucket were dispatched from the navy yard to aid the Seattle. The transport Chaumont with a party of congressmen aboard, is reported standing by.

COUNCIL HOLDS OLD BUILDING SOUTH STREET BUSY SESSION IS CONDEMNED SITE FAVORED

Demand for Sewer Along River to Dispose of City's Sewage Considered

WILL TAKE MUCH TIME
Budget Committees for Next Few Years to Be Asked to Specify Money to Be Set Aside for This Purpose

The city council last night took steps to condemn the Roseburg Apartment house, and instructed the city recorder to notify the owner that until he complies with the orders of the state fire marshal the city will continue to condemn the building as an unsafe place for persons to reside. In the event the fire marshal cannot force the vacation of the building, or its improvement, the city will very probably post a public sign in front of the building disclaiming any liability on the part of the city.

The matter was brought to the attention of the council by Councilman Seely, chairman of the board of fire commissioners, who reported that the state fire marshal has claimed the building to be unsafe and is preparing to force the owners either to repair it so that it will be in safe condition or else close it to the public. He desires the backing of the city council, it was stated, and promised that immediately upon receipt of word of the council's action, he would proceed to take steps to carry out the state department's plans. The building, it is claimed, is not only a fire menace, but its foundations are not good and it is in a very bad condition. If the city failed to condemn the building, following the fire marshal's recommendation, and a disaster occurred, such as recently took place in Klamath Falls, in which a number of lives were lost, the city could be held liable for damages. Klamath Falls is now being sued for amounts totaling more than \$35,000 as a result of the failure of the council there to act upon the recommendations of the fire marshal.

It was also stated that the fire marshal and commissioners found many other hazards in the city, some pertaining to open fires in the business district and to improper handling of gasoline and chemicals used in cleaning establishments. It was recommended that the fire chief, who is also day truck driver, be given one day off each month, in order to check up on these risks and to notify the property owners that they must eliminate the hazards. He will be given time to follow up his orders and instructions and see that they are enforced and will have the backing of the board of fire commissioners and council.

It is also planned to accept the state workmen's compensation act for the members of the fire department, street force, and possibly the police department. It was shown that the cost to the city will amount to around \$200 to \$300 per year for its employees and that one accident would cost the city much more than this sum, as any fireman injured would have the right to recover damages from the city for injuries sustained, and if crippled or seriously hurt the city would be forced to stand a big loss. In the event of a fireman being killed, dependent relatives could recover a large sum in the form of damages.

The finance committee was instructed to make an investigation of the cost of putting all of the city employees under the insurance act. The cost will be reported at the next meeting and action will be taken at that time.

COAL CONFERENCE ENDS AS FAILURE

(By United Press.)
ATLANTIC CITY, Aug. 21.—The coal conference called at the request of President Coolidge to prevent an anthracite strike September 1st, broke up without a decision being reached this afternoon. "It's all off boys," said President Lewis of the Mine Workers union as he came from the conference room. Lewis said there would be a suspension of work in the anthracite fields starting September 1. The rock on which the conference split was the question of wages, the first one taken up.

ENGINEER BELIEVES BRIDGE CAN BE BUILT CHEAPER THAN AT PROPOSED UPPER SITE

Has Investigated Both Locations and Finds That Bridge at Lower Point Will Be Less Expensive to City

The city council last night took steps to start the Umpqua Park bridge project moving, by petitioning the Public Service Commission to grant an overhead crossing over the Southern Pacific company tracks. The crossing will probably be asked at the extension of South street, as it is proposed to build the bridge from the intersection of Mill and South Streets, in a south westerly direction across the river. This site is now being given the official consideration of the council as it is believed that the bridge can be constructed at less expense at that site than at the proposed site just below the dam.

Engineer Eppstein reported to the council last night that he has made a rough investigation of both the upper and lower sites and believes that the lower site is the best for the city.

A bridge at South street, would not be as long as at the upper site but more approach would be needed. The entire structure would be about 300 feet long.

There would be about 160 feet of low approach, a sixty foot trestle over the railroad tracks, 20 feet of trestle work 40 feet high and three 30 foot spans and 80 feet of approach on the west end. The bridge would have a grade of about 5 per cent and would be of the deck type.

The upper bridge would be 624 feet long. There would be three 150 foot trusses and one 120 foot span, with two short approaches at each end.

At the lower site the three main trusses would be 130 feet long and at the upper site they would be 150 feet long. This makes the main part of the bridge at the South Street site much less expensive. Trusses cost a great deal more than trestles the engineer reports and the fact that the upper bridge would take three long spans and one shorter one, more than offsets the extra approaches at the South Street site.

Mr. Eppstein said that he had not yet had time to complete his estimates and so could not state exactly the cost of the bridge, but asked which site to prepare the plans for. It was agreed to adopt the South Street plan and so he will immediately get out the rough diagram and estimate the cost of the structure and advise the council at its next meeting.

There was considerable talk concerning the bridge and the Chamber of Commerce resolution was presented. The Chamber of Commerce was represented by a large committee and the resolution was presented by Attorney M. F. Rice.

COOS BAY PIRATES WILL CELEBRATE

Official Invitation Is Extended to Roseburg People to Join in Labor Day Events at Coos Bay

M. S. (Captain Kidd) Taylor, chief buccaneer of the Coos Bay Pirates, was in Roseburg today for the purpose of extending to the residents of Douglas county, and particularly Roseburg, an invitation to be present and participate in the celebration to take place on September 3, Labor Day.

The Cavemen of Grants Pass are going to attend and will install the officers of the new Pirate organization and will also initiate the members. The Cherrilans of Salem are to send a delegation and all humorous organizations and Chambers of Commerce have been invited to send official representatives. A big program has been arranged and a fine time will be shown all visitors.

The Pirates now have 80 members and a large waiting list. The membership has been closed for the present but will probably be extended soon. The organization works in cooperation with the North Bend and Marshfield Chambers of Commerce and is composed of representative men of both places. The entertainment committees will have their headquarters at the Chandler and North Bend hotels and all visitors are asked to make themselves known to the committee at these places. The Pirates have ordered their new uniforms which will cost them over \$1,000. They have a drum corps, band, and drill team.

NOTORIOUS GANG STAGES TRAIN HOLDUP

(By United Press.)
BARTLESVILLE, Okla., Aug. 21.—Al Spencer's notorious gang is credited with the daring hold-up of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas passenger train near Okesa at midnight. The robbers slugged four trainmen and disappeared into the hills with 20 packages of registered mail.

Five in Band.
OKLAHOMA CITY, Aug. 21.—Five masked bandits looted the mail and Texas passenger train near Okesa Oklahoma, shortly after midnight, and escaped with 20 packages of registered mail after overpowering the train crew. The value of the loot was not estimated today.

'ROBIN HOOD' BANDIT LEADS GANG OF FOUR

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 21.—Led by a "Robin Hood" bandit with Chesterfield manners, four men held up the State Bank of Belvedere Gardens shortly before noon, obtaining \$4,000 in cash and \$10,000 in bonds.

the city of Roseburg a park site, commonly known as Alexander Park, on condition that the said city will construct or cause to be constructed a wagon bridge connecting said city with said park, and

Whereas, the city of Roseburg, by its last opportunity to secure the same, and

FARMERS FACING FINANCIAL RUIN

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace Declares Bankruptcy Is Inevitable

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 21.—Thousands of American farmers will go bankrupt with wheat selling at considerably less than cost of production, Secretary Wallace declared today, while thousands of others will be able to hold on only by the most grinding economy. If the present plane of prices or commodities other than agricultural is to be maintained, he added, then to have general prosperity, prices of farm products must be increased.

Eastern railroads could help by making substantial reductions in freight rates on agricultural products, especially if destined for export, Mr. Wallace asserted, pointing out, however, that until agriculture, industry and commerce are brought into a more normal relationship, acute agricultural problems will develop, one after the other.

Not a New Disease.
"The ruinously low prices of wheat is not a new agricultural disease," said the secretary in a statement. "It is just one more acute symptom of the general trouble from which agriculture is suffering. The disease itself is the distorted relationship between prices of farm products and prices of other commodities."

"The sooner the people engaged in commerce and industry frankly recognize the trouble, the better it will be for all of us. The farmer could get along fairly well with present prices of which he has to sell if prices of what he must buy were down accordingly. But prices of other things remain high; that is what hurts."

Price Fixing Discussed.
"The pressing question is 'what can be done to help the wheat growers get more nearly the cost of production for this year's crop?' Some urge that the government ought to fix a fair price. That could be done only by the government preparing to buy unlimited quantities at the price fixed. Others suggest that the government go into the market and buy 200,000,000 bushels of wheat and store it, on the theory that the taking off the market of that quantity would send up the price to a fair figure."

"I am not hopeful of good results from either of these plans. How could the government dispose of the surplus accumulated? What effect would either action have on wheat acreage? What effect would it have on the acreage and price of other grains and of livestock? Would the same policy be adopted in case of ruinously low prices for other farm products? The wheat situation is bad enough in all conscience, and certainly the majority of our people would favor any practical method of helping, but we ought to be reasonably sure that the remedy attempted will do the farmer more good than harm and will not make our situation worse instead of better."

Whether these acute conditions might be relieved if the government should set up an agency with large authority to handle our surplus farm products in its discretion and provide it with ample funds, I do not know. I do not believe any one knows.

Situation Very Difficult.
The low price of wheat this year will bring some reduction in acreage, Mr. Wallace predicted, adding that "it is a terribly hard situation for the individual, but those who remain will be benefited."