

The Weather
Highest temperature yesterday—67
Lowest temperature last night—46
Unsettled tonight, probably with rain by Friday night.

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ANOTHER SPREADS RUIN IN CALIFORNIA

Trees Uprooted, Buildings Razed, Wires Down and Four Lives Lost.

SEVERAL ARE INJURED

48 Years Record for April Broken—Los Angeles Business Streets Under Water.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—Lashed by a gale from the sea the second wind and rain storm which has visited California within a week continued a drenching downpour today in northern and central portions of the state.
High winds yesterday uprooted trees, smashed buildings here and there and blew down telephone, telegraph and power lines. Frank Rals, highway commission truck driver, was killed and Charles E. Cuff, fireman of the highway maintenance crew, was injured near Redding when a huge tree fell across the automobile in which they were riding. Several other persons were reported injured in a sixty-mile gale which wrenched and unroofed buildings in that section of the Sacramento valley.
Tornado-like winds also were experienced at Fresno, in the lower San Joaquin Valley, where trees and telephone poles fell.
Woman and Boy Drown.
LOS ANGELES, April 8.—Torrential rains which have fallen over southern California for the last four days, bringing the season's fall far above normal, caused death to two persons here yesterday, and swollen streams continued unabated early today.
A downpour that ushered in the fifth day of the rainfall continued throughout the early hours of the morning, flooding streets in the business district and in other sections of the city.
At a late hour last night all April records for 48 years had been broken by yesterday's precipitation which brought the season's total to more than an inch above normal which was 14.27 inches.
Floods caused by the heavy rains claimed the lives of Mrs. Maria Robles, 39, when she leaped into a stream to rescue her eight-year-old daughter, and Joseph Arena, aged 9, when he was hurled into a flooded stream as the bridge on which he was standing was torn out.

Oil Field Fire Eating Way to Nearby Farms

Two Men Found Dead Close to Reservoir—Homes Being Deserted.

MILLIONS LOST SO FAR

Union Oil Company Further Hit in California As Lightning Strikes Tanks at Brea.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
SAN LUIS OBISPO, Cal., April 8.—A. H. Seebor and his son, William F. Seebor, were found dead today about 300 yards from one of the large burning oil reservoirs of the Union Oil company. Sheriff and coroner are investigating mysterious cause of their death.
For several hours after the abandoning of the great oil farm to the advancing flames the situation remained unchanged.
All six of the big reservoirs continued to burn as fiercely as at the first outbreak and over in the small tank field at least five were aflame.
Oil men experienced in fire fighting predicted that the next crisis would come when the two latest reservoirs to take fire would blow over as the other four had done, when the flames reached the moisture at their lower depths.
Several farms nearby have been deserted by their occupants and these ranches are expected to be directly in the path of the running oil when the next big reservoir boils over some time during the day.
The total amount of oil afire or menaced is six million barrels, worth \$2 per barrel, an aggregate of \$12,000,000.
Village Hemmed In.
BREA, Cal., April 8.—Two large reservoirs of the Union Oil company tank farm on the edge of this town, struck by lightning this morning, are afire; a hamlet of 15 to 20 homes, occupied by oil workers is hemmed in by the flames and has been abandoned, having been struck by a lightning bolt which resulted up to 10:30 o'clock today. The burning tank is owned by the same company as those also afire at San Luis Obispo.
No loss of life has been reported. The explosion which followed the striking of the lightning bolt broke window glass in several sections of the town and did some damage to plastered walls.
One woman was reported injured by falling plaster.
Oil Explosion Fatal.
SAN LUIS OBISPO, Cal., April 8.—A. H. Seebor, a Civil War veteran, and his son, William F. Seebor, were killed by an explosion which blew the burning Union Oil company's reservoir No. 2 boiled over.
Doris Seebor, a daughter of William F. Seebor, was slightly injured.
The elder Seebor's body was found in the wreckage of his home which had all the appearance of having been struck by a tornado. The younger man's remains were discovered 150 yards away and the daughter was picked up injured 100 yards distant. None had been burned.
The explosion in the reservoir No. 2 apparently went unnoticed (Continued on page 6.)

ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TRUSTEES MEET HERE TODAY

Joseph Lyons of Reedsport, M. R. Ryan, Henton Mires, Horace Putnam of Drain, Clyde Beckley and Charles Hedden of Elkton met in Roseburg today, constituting the board of trustees of the Umpqua Road Improvement district. The trustees were appointed by Governor Pierce, following the recent election at which a super district was created and a three-year period for road improvement work. The district was formed too late to get the tax extended upon the tax rolls, so that it was impossible to collect money this year. The trustees, however, hope to work out some plan, whereby work may be started this year, and the money raised by next year's tax levy. The government is already grading the Reedsport end of the road, while the state's engineers are laying out the grade on the Roosevelt highway between Reedsport and the Coos County line.

Contractors of Salem Declare For Open Shop

SALEM, Ore., April 8.—In face of the biggest building year in her history, with over \$3,000,000 in building operations in view for the year, and some of the biggest construction projects not yet included in the list, 38 contractors and builders of the city last night formed an organization declaring for an open shop.
While the move has been brewing here for over two months it is said to have been accelerated by a move under way to form a common laborers union which would call for a minimum wage scale of \$5 a day for all unskilled labor, pick and shovel men and similar employees on building operations.
The declaration signed by the local contractors declares that the open shop is a principle and not a condition and therefore is not a matter for arbitration and unalterable antagonism is asserted to the closed shop and "union" that the doors of no industry be closed against American workmen because of their membership or non-membership in any labor organization.

BUCKNER WOULD BAN JURIES FOR SMALLER 'WETS'

Attorney Says Conviction of That Type in N. Y. Is Impossible.

FAVORS POLICE COURT

Suggests That State Might Be Baited With Milder Law—Bribe Givers Fear to Squeal.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, April 8.—Federal District Attorney Buckner, of New York, told the senate liquor committee today that enforcement of the prohibition law in New York is impossible unless officials are permitted to handle petty cases without trial by jury.
"I can't enforce the prohibition law, which is essentially a police law," said the district attorney, "without the right of police court trial."
"Then you want to abolish the constitutional right of a jury trial?" asked Senator Reed, Democrat, Missouri.
"I won't answer that with the word 'constitutional' in it," Buckner replied.
"Well, the right of jury trial," "I say petty offenses should be tried in police courts."
"Perhaps we ought to abolish every Anglo-Saxon right to prevent somebody from selling a glass of beer," retorted Reed.
New York Hard Problem.
Recalled to the stand by the wets, the New York district attorney also reiterated and defended his assertions of yesterday that 60,000,000 gallons of alcohol are being diverted annually to the boot trade, and recounted at length the difficulties standing in the way of enforcement of prohibition in New York City.
Questioned as to what remedy could be applied aside from repeal of the dry law, District Attorney Buckner suggested that the law might be modified as a "bait" for New York state to enact laws for dry law enforcement.
"General Andrews has said that the federal government must depend on the state to assist in enforcement," Buckner said. "New York state has declined to cooperate. Then it is logical to ask congress to amend the law in the hope that the state will grab the bait."

Court Strikes Out Word "Bonding" in Title of Hydro-Electric Bill Put Up to Voters By the State Grange

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
SALEM, Ore., April 8.—Contentions of both sides are partially upheld in a decree by Judge L. H. McMahon of the circuit court today in the attack of initiators of the grange hydro-electric bill upon the ballot title for the bill as prepared by Attorney General Van Winkle. The main attack of the initiators, acting through Waldo Anderson of Albany, was on the word "bonding" in the short title, which read: "Oregon water, hydro-electric and water power bonding act." This is changed in the decree to read "Oregon state water, water power and hydro-electric electric energy act."
The complaint against the title averred that it was unfair for the following reasons:
That it indicated the measure to be a bonding statute, while it was not primarily so, but required further legal machinery to be put in motion before the issuance of bonds.
That it did not show that the \$360,000 salary allowable each member of the board was to be paid only in proportion to his service.
That the phrase "bonding interest bearing hydro-electric utility certificates" was unfair and that the word "mortgage" would convey an unfair impression on the voters.
The title decreed by the court does not change the attorney general's title relative to salaries or the reference in the long title to issuing bonds but makes a slight change relative to the third objection. It reads:
"Creating the Oregon water and water power board; state engineer without additional salary, and four members appointed by the governor with annual salary of \$3600; empowering said board to acquire; conserve, develop, distribute, etc., water, water power and electric energy; construct, operate and maintain dams, reservoirs, canals, pipe lines, power houses, transmission lines, roads, railroads, telephone lines and other structures, machinery and equipment for such purposes; authorizing the taxing of such state owned utilities; issuing state bonds not exceeding 4 per cent of the state assessed valuation; appropriating \$200,000 repayable from the water power fund; issuing interest bearing hydro-electric utility certificates secured by mortgage on utilities."

FRANKLIN ROSE, LOST MAIL PLANE AVIATOR, FOUND

Uninjured as Storm Forces Him to Land in Wheat Field—Telephones of His Safety.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
BOISE, Idaho, April 8.—News of the finding last night of Franklin Rose, air mail pilot, missing on his first trip from Elko, Nevada, to Boise, ended 24 hours of anxiety here and in other cities of the northwest. Rose was found safe and uninjured 65 miles south of Jordan Valley in Oregon, just over the Idaho line, at 8:10 o'clock last night. He left Elko at 2:20 o'clock Tuesday afternoon for the first northbound trip of the new northwest air mail service.
Rose said he was forced more than 75 miles off his course by a terrific storm Tuesday afternoon as he neared Duck Valley on the Nevada-Idaho border. He said he landed in a wheat field on the slopes of Jupiter mountain, and that his plane, while undamaged, was mired in deep mud.
Obtaining a horse from a nearby farm, he rode 30 miles to the nearest telephone and sent word of his safety and of efforts being made to enable his plane to take off and complete his run to Boise today. After telephoning he left for Jordan Valley, Oregon.
Storms, he declared, caused all his trouble, although his engine was missing on two cylinders, he asserted he could have made his way to safety had not the storm reduced visibility and thrown him off his course.
Rose said he rose to 12,000 feet in an effort to surmount the crest of the Owyhee mountains on the Idaho-Nevada border, but the storm grew worse so he turned northwest along the Owyhee river. When darkness came he decided to land and did so without mishap.

CARNIVAL PLANS ARE DISCUSSED BY UMPQUA CHIEFS

Meeting Held Last Evening to Set Stage for Big Event—All Committees Active.

At its regular meeting last evening the Umpqua Chiefs perfected plans for Roseburg's annual strawberry carnival, which will be staged during the week of May 17 to 22. Chief Herrie instructed all committees to get their work well in hand at an early date so as to insure the success of this annual event. Headquarters will be established, centrally located, a stenographer employed and telephone installed, where all matters pertaining to the carnival will receive attention. Heretofore the committees have had no regular place to meet and discuss the various problems coming before them without interfering with some private business concern, so decided last evening to rent suitable quarters to be used exclusively for the transaction of all carnival business.
The drill team, under the direction of Chief Knudtson, is making an excellent showing, weekly drills having been in progress for some time. The team will play an important part during festival week in various programs and will be featured in all taking part to attend regular drills from now on until carnival week in order that they "know their stuff" and make a good showing.
Thursday, May 20, will be the big parade. Moving picture representatives will be in Roseburg to film the events of the carnival and the Chiefs are planning on making this a red letter day.
Frank Rogers submitted plans for window decorations by merchants throughout the city to advertise the strawberry carnival and its sponsors. The Umpqua Chiefs and Squaw. His suggestions were received by the club and he was allowed the privilege of using the Chiefs' endorsement in presenting his plans to the merchants.
Prizes for strawberry exhibits this year will be enhanced to a considerable degree and growers of berries, who place their fruit on exhibit, will be awarded worthwhile prizes. The committee in charge is now considering the matter and at a later date will announce their plans. At any rate, they have already decided that capital prizes will be offered for choice strawberries placed on exhibit.
The committee in charge of the street decorations are in touch with outside decorators and the city will be gayly decorated in carnival colors. A reliable carnival company, with many concessions, (Continued on page 5.)

LENGLER ANSWERS U. S. MOVIE CALL

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
NICE, France, April 8.—Suzanne Lenglen has tentatively accepted an offer to go to the United States next October to appear in a motion picture film based on her novel.

WASHINGTON STATE GETS NEW FOOTBALL MENTOR

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
LAWRENCE, KANSAS, April 8.—Karl Schladerman, track and football coach of the University of Kansas, has accepted a position as track coach at Washington State College, he said here today.

RECEIVERSHIP ST. PAUL ROAD BEING PROBED

One Specie of Securities Threatened With Loss, Is Allegation.

BANK FIRMS ACCUSED

Reorganization Plan Meets With Opposition From Group Striving to Protect Paper.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
CHICAGO, April 8.—A formal decree of foreclosure against the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway company, now in the hands of a receiver, was asked in federal court today by counsel for creditors of the company.
A showing that the road had failed to meet the interest on principal of \$300,000,000 in matured bond issues was made by Edwin R. Sunderland, counsel for the Guaranty Trust company of New York, in arguing for issuance of a foreclosure order by federal Judge James H. Wilkerson. Sunderland submitted a proposed decree, drafted in the form in which his client seeks its issuance.
CHICAGO, April 8.—The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway went into receivership here March 18, 1925, at the instance of the Binkley Coal company of Illinois.
H. E. Byram, president of the railroad; Mark W. Potter, former member of the interstate commerce commission, and E. J. Brundage, former attorney general of Illinois, were appointed receivers. The railroad was the greatest ever to go into receivership, extending from southeast of Chicago to the Pacific ocean in the remote northwest corner of the United States.
It was represented that the railway would be unable to meet \$48,000,000 in bonds due in June, 1925. January 1, 1925, the Milwaukee owed \$465,045,000, and, with the exception of 1923, had failed to produce income to meet interest charges after federal war time control ended.
The Milwaukee was the first of the "western" roads to push its own steel to the Pacific coast, and the Puget Sound extension cost \$232,000,000, a step blamed in some quarters as the basic cause of the receivership.
Bankers' Plan Assailed.
Hardly had the petition for receivership been filed when security holders of the railway raised outcry that the step had been taken unnecessarily at the dictation of the road's New York financial representative, Kuhn, Loeb and company, and the National City Bank.
Kuhn, Loeb and company and the National City Bank in June, 1925, put forward a plan for reorganization of the Milwaukee's financial structure, and it was attacked by holders of certain species of securities which would have suffered serious depreciation. The plan was opposed bitterly by shareholders called the Jameson group.
Extension Is Blamed.
In some quarters, mismanagement was blamed for the receivership. H. L. Ekern, attorney general of Wisconsin, based examination of witnesses at the interstate commerce commission upon, among other things, the costly Puget Sound extension. W. W. Colpitts, consulting engineer, who reported on the road's condition in 1925, testified that when the extension was built business prospects had justified such a step, but that traffic had not developed sufficiently to make it earn profits.
His opinion, with which that of Byram virtually coincided, was that the roads failed to earn adequately was caused by adverse agricultural conditions in the northwest, increased cost of materials, increased labor charges, and increased Panama Canal competition.
Colpitts defended purchase of the Chicago, Milwaukee and Gary and the Chicago. Byram maintained that the small roads were purchased upon his advice and had been made into paying adjuncts. The Gary and the Terre Haute returned no profit in the years immediately preceding their purchase by the Milwaukee.
New Ideas Introduced.
The Milwaukee, first railroad to operate electrically across the continental divide, has 440 miles of electrified line between Harlowton, Mont., and Avery, Idaho, and 269 miles from Othello, Wash., to Seattle and Tacoma. The extension was completed in 1910 under the presidency of Albert J. Earling, who died after retiring in 1919. The Milwaukee operates its own (Continued on page 3.)

Gus C. Moser To Be Governor of Oregon In July

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
SALEM, Ore., April 8.—State Senator Gus C. Moser, of Portland, will be acting governor of Oregon for several days in July. Governor Pierce announced today that he will attend the national governors' conference to be held in Cheyenne July 16, 27 and 28. Under the law the president of the state senate becomes acting governor when the governor is absent from the state.
Four more Republican candidates for the legislative nomination today filed their declarations with the secretary of state. There were:
Harold C. Stephens, Estacada, to represent Clackamas county; Thomas P. Gilliland, Pilot Rock, Morrow and Umatilla counties; William M. Briggs, Ashland, Jackson county; Walter W. Russell, McMinnville, Yamhill county.

UMPQUA CHIEFS OPPOSE SUNDAY CLOSING MOVE

Strong Resolution Adopted at Regular Meeting Held Last Night.

PROTEST IS VIGOROUS

Organization Will Actively Work Against Passage of Measure—Conscience Is Guide.

That every man has the inherent right to observe his day of rest according to the dictates of his own conscience is the contention submitted in a resolution passed last night by the Umpqua Chiefs at their regular meeting. A strong protest against Sunday closing was voiced by the hospitality club, which went on record as being actively opposed to the law and willing to work for the defeat of the measure.
The Chiefs hold that the passing of such a law would serve to undo much of the work that has been done by the club in endeavoring to build up friendly relations between Roseburg and nearby communities, and would also result in a financial loss because of the many people who now come to the city each Sunday evening, and who would be kept away should the places of amusement be closed.
The resolution in full is as follows:
WHEREAS, the Umpqua Chiefs are laboring to build up Roseburg and establish and promote a friendly feeling between this city, near-by towns and the residents of the surrounding country; and
WHEREAS, it is the custom of large numbers of the citizens of the surrounding country and near-by towns to attend moving picture shows, concerts and like entertainments in Roseburg on Sunday afternoon and evening; and
WHEREAS, by reason of the place of residence and the nature of their employment many people are unable to attend such places of amusement on any other day; and
WHEREAS, a movement has been initiated to provide by law the closing of all theatres and forbidding the holding of concerts and like amusements within the corporate limits of the City of Roseburg on Sunday; and
WHEREAS, the picture houses in Roseburg are well conducted, the entertainment offered their patrons clean and wholesome and the closing of the place will drive many residents of the City to other towns on Sunday and will keep a large number of people from the near-by towns and the surrounding country from visiting Roseburg on Sunday; all of which will be a serious loss, not only financially to Roseburg, but will tend to destroy the spirit of friendship between the people of the surrounding country and the City in that it is a display of an intolerant attitude by the City of Roseburg toward the people of nearby towns and the surrounding country;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Umpqua Chiefs, in meeting assembled that we are opposed to the proposed law closing the moving picture theatres and like places of amusement on Sunday, and we pledge ourselves (Continued on page eight.)

HIGH IDEALS SHOWN

Interchange of Vital News Will Unite Peoples of Two Continents in Common Aims.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—(A. P.)—President Coolidge, in addressing today the first Pan American congress of journalists which assembled at the Pan American Union, urged that the gatherings be held frequently as a means of drawing together the peoples of the western hemisphere.
Speaking of the increased interchange of news among the American nations in recent years, Mr. Coolidge declared this awakening of interest had been "one of the most important factors in bringing about a better understanding" of the several countries.
"I venture the prediction," he added, "that as a result of this congress the papers in the United States in the future will present more accurate pictures of the cultural and industrial progress of Latin America, and that the progress of Latin America will give to their people a better understanding of the ideals and purposes of the United States."
"If all our citizens here do not yet realize fully that Latin America is as progressive as the United States; and if some Latin Americans, as I have been told, are prone to feel that this country is interested in their material progress, I am sure it may be explained by the lack of that knowledge which comes from personal contact through travel and by the mutual inadequacy of news reports of the significant facts and developments in the respective countries."
Common Cause Unites
The congress, Mr. Coolidge said, should result in a better, closer understanding of the peoples of the western hemisphere are one people striving for a common purpose, animated by common ideals and bound together in a common destiny. "Unto us has been bequeathed the precious heritage and the high obligation of developing and consecrating a new world to the great cause of humanity."
Speaking particularly to the delegates present from other countries, Mr. Coolidge expressed the hope that their visit to this country "will be beneficial to you by reason of what you may learn of our general mode of life."
In referring to the ideals and the purposes of the Pan American Union he said the newspapers may do much to emphasize and make more effective the efforts of this organization to bring the United States and the Latin American peoples into closer bonds of mutual helpfulness.
To Dedicate Press Temple.
WASHINGTON, April 8.—With President Coolidge the principal speaker, the first Pan American congress of journalists was embarked upon a quest of studying the various problems confronting the press of the 21 republics represented with a view to working for a better understanding among their nations.
A report by Dr. Jorge A. Mitre of La Nacion, Buenos Aires, on "the press and international relations," (Continued on page 6.)

R. L. GILE TO BE CANDIDATE FOR THE LEGISLATURE

R. L. Gile, manager of the Gile Prune Packing company of Roseburg, today announced himself a candidate for the republican nomination for the state legislature from Douglas county. Mr. Gile has been mentioned freely as a prospective candidate and friends have been urging him to enter the race. After much persuasion he has consented to allow his name to go before the voters and nominating petitions are being placed in circulation today.
Mr. Gile has been a resident of Roseburg since 1903, at which time he took over the management of the prune packing plant here. Since that time he has been greatly interested in the development of the county and has been quite active in county and civic affairs. Because of his many years of business experience he will be able, if elected, to represent Douglas county in a thorough and business-like manner.

Railway Electrician Killed Near Eugene; Ambulance Summoned Hits Auto, Sending Driver to Hospital

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
EUGENE, Ore., April 8.—Alva A. Bonney, 24, was electrocuted at Lassen Station, on the Oregon Electric Railway line, just outside the city limits here, this morning, while he was charging lightning arresters at the station. He was employed as an electrical engineer, in charge of the Lassen and Pile sub-stations of the railway company.
Bonney is survived by his widow, Mrs. Eunice Bonney, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bonney, of Oregon City.
A call was sent in for an ambulance, and when it did not appear at once, a call was sent in for another ambulance. The first arrived and brought the body back. The second, returning empty, crashed into a car driven by Joe Sproul, carpenter for the Southern Pacific railway company, at Second Avenue and Blair Blvd. The Sproul car was demolished and Sproul in a critical condition at a local hospital. Jack Gallagher who was in the car with him, was badly bruised about the head, and was unconscious for some time, but is now able to be about again.
Jerry Endicott was driver of the ambulance. Police are investigating the accident.