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The Weather

Highest temperature yesterday 68
Lowest temperature last night 37
Forecast for interior southwest Oregon: Generally fair tonight and Sunday; not much change in temperature.

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

UP TO the close of 1928, the U. S. government had invested in the federal aid highway system a total of $625,687,144.

Just offhand, that looks like a lot of money. But listen to this: Four states are now preparing to vote on highway bond issues in an amount almost equal to the government's total investment in federal aid roads.

THESE states are Texas, Oklahoma, Georgia and Iowa. Texas, the largest state in area, proposes to build roads on a big scale. It will vote this year on a highway bond issue of $225,000,000.

Oklahoma, one of the newest of the states, is planning a bond issue of $100,000,000, while Georgia, far down in the old South, is pushing an issue of $75,000,000.

Iowa, whose $100,000,000 bond issue last year was held unconstitutional on technical grounds, will vote again on an issue of the same size.

IN THE face of these contemplated expenditures by the states, the government's contribution of $75,000,000 a year to highway building does not look so impressive.

As a matter of fact, a determined campaign is now under way to induce congress to increase the federal aid highway appropriation from $75,000,000 a year to $125,000,000 a year.

"IF" is a significant little word. But IF we could bring about an agreement among the nations to limit naval armament, so that by spending small sums instead of huge sums each nation would stand in the same relative position to other nations in the way of naval strength, we could build ALL our highway with federal money, instead of only part of them, and still be money ahead.

SPEAKING of roads leads naturally up to automobiles, and it is rather sadly true that the subject of automobiles leads up naturally to the subject of accidents.

Perhaps you didn't know this: Three people were killed in automobile accidents in the United States every hour of the day, which includes every hour of the night. That is to say, more than 72 people are killed in automobile accidents every day in this country.

These figures are vouched for by the National Safety council.

WHY? Well, of course there are lots of people in this country and there are many automobiles. Seventy-two people out of a hundred-odd millions do not constitute a very large percentage of the total.

But the number of deaths is far, far too large. It would be VERY MUCH SMALLER if everybody who drives an automobile would drive carefully ALL THE TIME.

HERE is one wise man's rule for careful driving—a rule that has been quoted often in this newspaper, but which can not be quoted too often: "Drive within your vision."

That means: "Drive all the time so carefully that you will always be able to stop your car safely within the distance between you and any possible obstruction."

THE department of agriculture advises wheat growers not to expand their acreage next year.

On the basis of probable normal demand, probable normal consumption and probable normal yield throughout the world, it says an acreage larger than this year's will mean overproduction of the domestic market and unfavorable competition with all the rest of the world on an oversupplied world market.

BUT, you say, advance figures indicated an overproduction of wheat this year, with consequent low prices; but at the last minute drouth and heat stepped in and cut down the yield.

True enough. You can't accurately predict crop yields a year in advance merely by consulting the figures showing acreage planted. Crop yields depend upon weather, and nobody can predict the weather a year ahead.

BUT this sounds like good sense: Smaller average is apt, everything considered, to return a some-

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ROSEBURG TO BE HOST TO COUNTY AT CELEBRATION

Service Clubs' Committees Start Plans for Court House Dedication October 19th.

City to Be Asked for $750 for Expenses; Visitors to Be Entertained Free of Charge.

For the day of October 19 the keys of the city will be thrown away and the gates flung wide. All of Douglas county will be Roseburg's guest that day to attend the celebration of the dedication and formal opening of the new Douglas county courthouse.

This was the expression at a meeting of the service clubs' executive committee arranging the details of the celebration last evening. Several previously appointed committees made preliminary reports and many suggestions were made and adopted. It was unanimously decided by the committee that a free dance and other free entertainment should be provided. Free refreshments are also planned and a plan of elaborate decoration was decided upon. Nobel Goettel's committee on contests for that day has some exciting plans under way and another committee advised that a merchants' window decorations contest be held the Friday evening previous to the celebration. This suggestion will be taken up before the merchants' association.

It is planned to arrange with with the Roseburg Woman's club to have an open house the day of the celebration and it was suggested that the Elks building could be thrown open also. The committee on entertainment for the afternoon and evening refused to make public their plans but assure an entertainment worth while.

The dedication ceremony will be in charge of county officials.

Substantial Budget Necessary

It was decided that if Roseburg is to be host to the whole county on this day a large budget will be necessary to be used in providing the decorations, refreshments, prizes and other items of such an undertaking. The estimates submitted for these costs totaled a trifle over $750. General Chairman LaVerne Hawn appointed Elmo Malden, Phil Harth and W. H. Fisher as the committee to have charge of the raising of funds. Several members from each of the service clubs will be asked to serve in the canvass and it is planned to conduct the drive at once. A large part of the

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JULIUS RIDDLE NOT BLAMED FOR FATAL AUTO COLLISION

Julius Riddle, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Riddle of this city, a former resident of Roseburg, had a narrow escape Wednesday in an automobile accident that resulted in the death of one man and serious injuries to another. The accident happened near The Dalles. Mr. Riddle was returning to his home in Portland from the Pendleton roundup, when a car occupied by George W. Chambers, Nels Frazier and E. B. Maddox, all of St. Helens, came around a curve on the inside of the road and struck his machine. Mr. Riddle's car was damaged, but stayed on the highway. The other car went over the bank, killing Chambers and hurting Frazier. The St. Helens men were found to be responsible for the wreck by the investigating officers, as they were on the wrong side of the road, according to the reports.

CHURCH QUIZ IN ASTORIA SCHOOLS ROILS PARENTS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

ASTORIA, Ore., Sept. 21.—Circulation in the public schools here of a questionnaire, sponsored by the Astoria Ministerial union, seeking information as to religious affiliations of students and parents, caused consternation among parents today.

Threats of legal action to prevent further distribution of the questionnaires have been made by parents, it is said.

Ministerial representatives said the only reason the questionnaires were distributed was to enable churches to ascertain what homes in Astoria have no religious connections. The Astoria school board sanctioned the distribution of the cards but made no demand they be filled out.

BRITON YIELDS TO SAVE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

ASSOCIATED PRESS (UNDERWOOD)
VISCOUNT CECIL

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

GENEVA, Sept. 21.—Viscount Robert Cecil today withdrew the British disarmament resolution regarding trained army reserves which had stirred League of Nations debates this week and accepted a compromise proposal which he declared accomplished the purpose of the British government.

Cecil's pressure in the general scheme of disarmament has antagonized the French press and public and developed criticism to the disarmament movement inaugurated by the United States and Great Britain. He stated the compromise proposal which was acceptable to him leaves the door open for resuming discussion of limitation of trained reserves at the proper time.

Cecil said he thought he might win if he pressed the British resolution to a vote but believed that a decision by a narrow margin either way would have an unfortunate effect on the cause of disarmament. He said that in any case he had made quite clear Great Britain's position and that Great Britain's right to present the subject again was secure.

BANK MESSENGER USED AS TOOL IN THEFT OF $512,000

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—Milton Alter, 18-year-old messenger boy, today confessed to the police that he had been the tool of others in the theft yesterday of $512,000 in negotiable securities from his employers, R. V. Hiscoe company, brokers.

The boy, who had been employed by the brokerage house at a salary of $15 a week, said the robbery was directed by a man known to him as Jack Rosen. The lad said Rosen had stopped him repeatedly on the street and urged upon him the easy opportunity of making money. The urging was repeated yesterday before the boy visited the Guaranty Trust company to redeem with a $400,000 certified check stocks and bonds worth $512,000 which had been deposited as collateral on a loan.

"Rosen said to me he needed money and that I should make the loan," the boy said, "and then he told me that my father was to receive $50,000 as my share. Then I finally consented."

The boy said he obtained the securities and during a long taxi subway-walking trip through Manhattan he delivered the securities to Rosen, receiving from the man one dollar and directions to go to the Academy of Music in Brooklyn, several miles from the Manhattan street corner, where they separated. Alter went to Brooklyn and then telephoned his employers, saying he had been kidnaped.

In announcing the boy's confession, Police Commissioner Grover A. Whalen said he believed that Alter had been induced to leave a former position several weeks ago and go to work for the brokerage firm so that he could hand over to those who were using him, bonds and securities worth a fortune.

FIENDS MURDER IDAHO GIRL OF 11

KING HILL, Idaho, Sept. 21. Twenty-six hours after she left home to come to school here, the body of Marie West, 11, with her throat cut and showing signs of having been attacked, was found on the edge of Snake river near here yesterday.

The body was weighted down with a stone tied to the girl's leg. She bore numerous bruises, apparently from blows. Escaped convicts are suspected of the fiendish crime.

DEATH TOLL IN DETROIT CLUB FIRE GOES TO 20

Total May Be Increased 12 From List of Injured; Authorities Work to Fix Blame.

Censure Falls on Operator and City's Department for Laxity Over Fire Escape.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

DETROIT, Sept. 21.—The death list in the fire which early Friday swept the Study club, a Detroit cabaret, was increased to 20 today.

The latest death was that of Mrs. Helen Snyder, wife of Stuart Alfred Snyder of Montreal. She died at receiving hospital.

The body of the remaining unidentified victim of the fire was definitely identified shortly after noon today as that of Alan Klein, 31, vice-president of the Goldsmith Publishing company of Cleveland. The identification was made by John Pattee, of the book department of Crowley, Milner and company, Detroit department store.

Klein was in Detroit on business Thursday and is known to have been a friend of Miss Ireland.

DETROIT, Sept. 21.—The death list in the fire which early Friday swept the Study club, popular Detroit cabaret, mounted to 19 today with doubts being expressed for the recovery of 13 of the 37 injured still remaining in hospitals.

One of the injured, Rolland Lowe, of Detroit died early today. Eight of the injured have been discharged, while a majority of the others are reported in a "temporarily serious condition".

Investigation of the fire today broadened to include four city departments in its scope.

Placing Blame

While Henry J. Garvin, a detective inspector, tentatively placed the blame for the tragedy on the cloak room girl, who is said to have opened the front door when the flames were first discovered on the first floor of the club, County Prosecutor James Chenot announced that his office not only would seek to place criminal re-

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PORTLAND BAKERY FIRE SHOWS LOOT FROM BURGLARIES

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 21.—City fire department officials announced today they believe back draft, an idiosyncracy of pent-up fire which makes its own outlet for smoke and gases, was responsible for the explosion which destroyed the Allison bakery yesterday and burned seriously John C. Holobek, proprietor.

Holobek was burned when he attempted to save $700 he said was secreted in the burning building. He was reported recovering today.

Although reputed stolen hardware was found in the bakery, the district attorney said no complaints had been lodged against anyone connected with the bakery.

Damage to the establishment was fixed at $5,000.

Police examining the wreckage found a quantity of dog sweaters, dog harnesses, collars, paint brushes, paint, screw drivers, roller skates and other merchandise which were identified as having been stolen from the George L. Routledge store.

PORTLAND FEMALE WHIP USERS HELD FOR GRAND JURY

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 21.—Rita Coleman and Marjorie Stubbs, both 25, charged with rioting in connection with the horse-whipping of Mrs. Leonora Jack, 20, on the edge of the city September 24, were held to the grand jury yesterday and today were in jail pending final action.

The two women were bound over when they appeared in municipal court. The Coleman woman was immediately rearrested on a charge of vagrancy.

Mrs. Jack was the only prosecution witness. She told of being lured from her east side home the night of the attack by a telephone call purporting to be from a friend. The Coleman woman is said to have wielded the tin-tipped quirt while the Stubbs woman is said to have kicked and pummeled the attractive victim.

Both the Coleman and Stubbs women have police records.

Modest Aide In York's Exploit Found At Last

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

BROOKLINE, Mass., Sept. 21.—A quiet employe of the Brookline highway department approached his superintendent, with a request for time off. Asked the reason, he reluctantly produced a letter from Army War college, inviting him, as one of the seven survivors of Sergeant Alvin C. York's famous exploit in the Argonae offensive, to come to the annual military exposition in Washington.

Otis D. Merithew, the modest employe, was, it developed, the Corporal William B. Cutting mentioned in Sergeant York's book. Wounded, he fought beside the sergeant the day 132 Germans surrendered to seven Americans. Friends here never knew until today that Merithew was Corporal Cutting.

Merithew not only got permission to make the trip but he'll get full pay for his services while he is at Washington, his employers announced.

The army is so anxious to have Merithew present that the war department has promised to send an airplane to take him to the capital.

HUNTING SEASON OPENING LEFT TO STATE FORESTER

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 21.—Although rain was falling today in the Willamette valley there was no hope for an immediate rescinding of the governor's order against the opening of the hunting season.

F. A. Elliott, state forester, said he had a telephone message from Klamath Falls that there had been no rainfall in that district.

"There will be no lifting of the ban on hunting until there is a general rain," Elliott said, "and there has been no general rain yet."

Elliott said that the rescinding proclamation has been prepared by the governor, but will not be made effective until the forester gives the governor the word.

TOLEDO, Ore., Sept. 21.—Fog and rain joined forces with forest fire fighters in Lincoln county today and dispelled the fires which were spreading toward many valuable stands of timber. Fires have caused a loss of $60,000 in Lincoln county and several thousand acres have been burned over.

Continued Dry Forecast

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21.—The weather outlook for the week beginning September 22 was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows:

Far western states: The outlook is for generally fair weather but with occasional fogs along the coast. Temperatures above normal in the interior of California and below normal but rising towards the middle of the week elsewhere.

New Douglas Fires

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 21.—Major John Guthrie, assistant United States district forester, who returned from a survey of southern Oregon forests today said much rain was needed before northwest woods are free from the fire menace.

The La Dee, Dole mountain and Stevenson, Wash., fires, although still burning, are said to be well under control.

Major Guthrie said the Beaver creek fire, raging over 6000 to 8,000 acres in the Umpqua national forest near Drew, is not under control and rangers have discovered several new fires which they laid to incendiarism. A fire along Elk river, in the Siskiyou forest, is giving fighters a hard tussle, Major Guthrie said.

Opening of forests to deer hunters depends on the amount of rain, he said.

CHANGE IN STAFF OF NEWS-REVIEW

Mildred Bynon, who has been employed by the News-Review as local and society reporter, has resigned her position and is accepting employment as assistant clerk at the Umpqua hotel. Mrs. Bynon came to Roseburg from Marshfield, where she was previously employed by the Southwestern Oregon Daily News. The vacancy on the News-Review staff is to be filled by Lotus Knight Porter, who will take over her new duties the first of the week.

AUTO SHOP BOMBED, $3,000 DAMAGE DONE

CHICAGO, Sept. 21.—The second bomb attack against an Oak Park automobile sales agency was made early today, a dynamite "pineapple" exploding at the rear of the Marquardt-Smucker Automobile Sales company. The damage was estimated at $3,000.

A month ago a similar bombing occurred a block away at the Oak Park sales agency.

SMUDGE POTS HOLDS DOWN TOLL OF FROST INVASION

Growers of Umpqua Valley Save $50,000 Worth of Unharvested Melons and Tomatoes.

Need of Extending Weather Bureau Service to Aid in Frost Warnings Again Stressed.

Prompt action on the part of melon and tomato growers in the Umpqua valley last night resulted in the saving of the major portion of the fall garden crops from frost. Temperatures as low as 28 degrees were reported in various sections, but the growers, as a result of a frost warning issued late yesterday by the local weather bureau office, worked unceasingly all night burning straw stacks, oil heaters and smudge pots and thereby saved the greater part of their crops. Melon patches not protected were completely lost, but as all of the principal growers engaged in smudging it is believed that the aggregate damage will not exceed 20 per cent. Frost is expected again tonight and crews are busily engaged today hauling straw to the fields and getting things in readiness to meet the emergency. It is roughly estimated that melons and tomatoes amounting in value to about $50,000 are still co be harvested, the season being fully three weeks later than usual. Protection for the fields will be needed until the first of October.

The frost warning was issued last night by E. H. Fletcher, local meteorologist, following the evening observation. He predicted a minimum temperature of 37 degrees and this morning's reading was exactly that figure.

Dillard Men Alert

Wesley Williams, the leading melon grower of the county, has been working in close cooperation with the weather bureau, and has been keeping temperature comparisons at his various melon patches, so that the variations between Roseburg and the surrounding territory has been accurately checked. The Dillard bottom, these comparisons show, is usually 6 degrees colder than Roseburg.

Mr. Williams immediately sent out word to all of the neighboring growers and took steps at once to protect his own crop. Hay was hauled into the fields and scattered out in large piles along the roadways between the vines. At Mr. Williams' big field at Riverside he had a huge stack of straw.

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FUGITIVE CONVICT SLASHES THROAT AS POSSE CHASES HIM

LEWISTON, Idaho, Sept. 21.—An escaped convict from the Idaho state penitentiary who said he would rather die than be returned to prison, was to be taken to his home near Cottonwood today, a suicide. He slashed his throat with a razor while possemen were pursuing him across a field yesterday.

Oliver E. Jones, the convict, came home to his wife, but, officers said, a brother-in-law "turned him in" and he was cornered in a barn. Deputy sheriffs fired once in the air and demanded his surrender, but he defied them with "go ahead and shoot. I won't come out—rather be dead than go back to the pen." With that he dashed for freedom.

Officers picked up his trail and then saw him running across a wheat field. As they started pursuit, Jones slashed his throat with a razor, ran 300 yards and died.

He had served six months of one to 14 years term when he walked away from the prison farm Tuesday. Lawrence Wilson, a bank robber, left with him and was still at large.

REV. C. H. BRYAN HAS PARALYTIC STROKE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 21.—Rev. C. H. Bryan, who was for several years Protestant chaplain of the Oregon state penitentiary, under the administration of Governor Pierce, suffered a paralytic stroke here yesterday and is in a serious condition at a local hospital. His right side is entirely paralyzed. Bryan has been living in Roseburg and was here on a visit. He is a retired member of the Oregon Methodist conference.

Stays In Prison

HARRY F. SINCLAIR

This multimillionaire must serve his full term in the federal penitentiary for jury shadowing. President Hoover having denied a petition for commutation of sentence. The crime was committed during the trial of the famous oil conspiracy case, in which Sinclair was a co-defendant with Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior. President Hoover's refusal to extend clemency also affects Sinclair's mate "Friday" and fellow prisoner, Henry Mason Day.

FREW SALARY CASE ARGUMENTS HEARD IN CIRCUIT COURT

The case of George Frew against the city of Roseburg was argued today before Judge J. W. Hamilton in the circuit court. Frew is endeavoring to have the warrants, issued him by the council in payment for work as street superintendent, declared legal, although they do not bear the signature of the mayor.

Mr. Frew has been retained since the first of the year in charge of the street department by the council, over the objection of the mayor. Warrants have been issued upon the authority of the council, but the mayor has refused to countersign them, and there is a question as to whether they can be cashed without the mayor's signature being attached.

Mr. Frew, represented by Attorney Carl Wimberly, claims that the authority for cleaning and repairing the streets is vested in the council and that they have the implied right to issue warrants in payment.

Attorney I. B. Riddle, representing the city, declares that the charter is silent regarding the method of issuing warrants, and, therefore, a law passed in 1893 regarding city procedure is binding, and that the law requires warrants to be countersigned by the mayor.

He also denies the authority of the council to employ men for street work without going through the form of adopting an ordinance, which was not done in this case.

The question was taken under advisement by Judge Hamilton, who will examine the list of authorities submitted by the respective attorneys.

COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE IN OCTOBER

Plans are now underway for Roseburg's annual community chest drive, which is to start early next month. The chest committee, which has been handling the funds provided last year, have held several meetings to outline needs for the coming year, and will be prepared to submit a full and complete account when the new drive committee is organized. Following the usual custom, a large committee will be named to solicit the city for funds, and an attempt will be made to secure a larger amount than was raised last year, as the money secured was not sufficient for the requirements. After the fund has been obtained a definite organization will be formed to take care of the distribution in accordance with the proportions previously agreed upon.

COLORADO BANKER COMMITS SUICIDE

DELTA, Colo. Sept. 21.—Walter G. Hillman, vice-president and cashier of the First National bank of Delta, committed suicide last night with a rifle. The bank failed to open this morning.

HOOVER TURNS DOWN PETITION FOR OIL BARONS

Sinclair and Day to Serve Entire Jail Sentences Meted for Act of Jury Shadowing.

Action of President Meets Previous Opinion From Mitchell, Opposing Any Clemency.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—President Hoover will not commute the sentence of Harry F. Sinclair or Henry Mason Day, who are serving terms in the District of Columbia jail for contempt of court arising from the shadowing of the Fall-Sinclair jury.

This was announced today at the white house where it was said Mr. Hoover would follow the recommendation of Attorney General Mitchell that the chief executive not interfere.

The applications of Sinclair and Day were received from the department of justice last night, with this recommendation attached.

Good Behavior Aids.

Sinclair and Day are serving their terms in the District of Columbia jail, but have been permitted to see each other only occasionally.

Sinclair entered the jail May 6 to begin serving a three months term for contempt of the senate, and with five days off each month for good behavior ended this sentence July 20. However, on June 22 the District of Columbia supreme court formally pronounced sentence upon him for jury shadowing during the Fall-Sinclair conspiracy trial. The court ordered the two sentences to run concurrently and Sinclair will end his stay in jail November 22, with time off for good behavior.

Day commenced serving his term of four months for jury shadowing in the same trial on June 24.

Sad Health Alleged.

Both Sinclair and Day based their petitions for commutation of sentence, which were filed in August on the condition of their health.

Attorney General Mitchell held that Sinclair's business interests afforded no reason for claiming

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WOMAN, ALLEGED BANK THIEF, FREE AFTER 4TH TRIAL

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

NEW BRAUNFELS, Tex., Sept. 21.—The long legal battle of Mrs. Rebecca Bradley Rogers, former University of Texas co-ed, to escape a prison sentence in connection with the $1,000 robbery of the Farmers National bank of Buda, Tex., in 1926, today apparently had ended successfully.

The young woman's fourth trial came to a close last night when the jury, unable to agree, was discharged. Shortly afterward District Attorney Fred Blundell indicated he would not prosecute her the fifth time.

The jury which had deliberated two days stood nine to three for acquittal on her insanity plea on all except the first two of forty ballots taken. The vote on the first and second ballots was eight to four for acquittal.

Otis Rogers, husband and chief council of the young woman, said he would take her to their home in Fort Worth and place her under the care of a physician. The district attorney had called upon Rogers to place her in an asylum if he still believed her unbalanced.

Rogers and his wife married secretly while attending the University of Texas together.

HEIRESS MURDER VICTIM, BELIEF OF OREGON BROTHER

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

FAIRFIELD, Calif., Sept. 21.—Nev Wolfskill of Marshfield, Ore., brother of Miss Irene Wolfskill, Fairfield heiress whose body was found Thursday night after a two-months search, today expressed the belief that his sister had been kidnaped and then murdered.

A medical autopsy performed on the badly decomposed body of Miss Wolfskill however, revealed no signs of violence. Nevertheless, Solano county authorities continued their investigation of the case on the possibility that the heiress may have been slain.

A coroner's inquest will be held next Wednesday at which time, Sheriff John B. Thornton has announced "something of interest" may be disclosed.