

Editorials
on the
Day's News

Roseburg News-Review

The Weather
Highest temperature yesterday...30
Lowest temperature last night...28
Forecast for interior southwest
Oregon: Unsettled tonight and Sunday, probably with local snows; clearing Sunday; continued cold.

By FRANK JENKINS
ATTENDANTS at a clinic spray the eyes of children with the wrong solution, and 40 are blinded for life. Here is a great tragedy. Yet it draws only a few lines in the news.

Why? Because it occurs in far distant Greece. The importance of news is gauged by the nearness to us of what happens.

PERHAPS it is just as well. Many harrowing things happen in the world every day. If our feelings were harrowed by EVERYTHING that happens, EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD, we would have little time left for happiness.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA is shaken again by earthquakes—merely minor tremors this time, and not amounting to much.

This writer, for one, hopes California never will have another serious earthquake. California, Oregon's next-door neighbor, is our best customer.

The more people and the more wealth California has, the more of our products she will buy.

JUDGE TUCKER, of Portland, criticizes the jury system, and then suggests a sound remedy for its present defects. "What we need," he says, referring to the lists from which juries are made up, "is a better cross section of citizenry."

That is to say, with the right kind of jurors the jury system is all right. With the wrong kind of jurors it is all wrong.

There is a lot of good logic in that.

IT is often said, in these days, that the need for the jury system has been outgrown and that it should therefore be abolished. Don't take that statement too seriously. Institutions that are as old as the jury system, that have been as useful in human progress as the jury system has been, are not easily outgrown.

HERE is one way in which the jury system could easily be improved: Pay jurors at least enough to enable them to meet the cost of leaving their business or their employment and serving on the jury.

If you have been called for jury service recently, you know that the present scale of pay doesn't do that.

THIS situation is particularly aggravated in the case of federal jurors, who normally have to go a considerable distance from home when they are called for service. He is a very economical man indeed who can serve on a federal jury in this state and pay his necessary minimum expenses out of what he gets.

JURY service should not be so highly paid as to make it sought for the pay alone, for the idea of public service should always be uppermost in jurors' minds. But at least it should be well enough paid so that service on a jury is not a greater sacrifice than the average citizen can afford to make.

N. C. JAMISON, extension dairyman at Oregon State college, says:

"In our cost studies, we find that production per cow influences cost of butterfat production more than does any one factor. We have therefore come to the conclusion that to be successful we must have cows producing at least 300 pounds of butterfat per year."

THERE is much talk of what ought to be done to stimulate the dairy industry, which is a great producer of wealth where it is successful. The first thing, as Mr. Jamison so clearly says, is to get cows that show a profit to their owners instead of showing a loss. Unless that fundamental step is taken, all the other steps will fail. You can't build a successful dairy industry on cows that cost more than they bring in.

HERE is a thought which may or may not be useful:

There are compensations on all sides. This storm, for example, which prevents the faded business man from getting his accustomed exercise on the golf course, provides him with the opportunity to get his exercise nearer at hand by shoveling the snow from his walks.

In Town From Winchester—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Payne, of Winchester, were in this city yesterday on business.

WETS LOSE
IN TWO MOVES
IN CONGRESS

Laguardia's Attack on 15
Million Bill for N. Y.
Enforcement Fails
on Ruling.

Measure to Ban Poison in
Alcohol Meets Defeat;
Dry Law Due for
Strengthening.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The point of order that the eighteenth amendment was invalid raised against the \$15,000,000 allotment in the treasury post office supply bill for prohibition enforcement by Representative Laguardia, republican of New York, was overruled today in the house.

Chairman Snell of the rules committee, presiding, made the ruling. Snell said the point of order was not based on a point of constitutionality. The chair added that in view of the fact that none of the prohibition laws had been repealed there was ample authority in the law for the house appropriations committee to provide the fund for prohibition enforcement.

Opposing Contentions
Representative Wood, republican, Indiana, said it was beyond the power of the chairman to sustain the point of order made by the New Yorker, who contended that the eighteenth amendment had never been legally ratified.

Chairman Wood, in charge of the annual supply bill for the treasury post office department said the constitution provides that one division of government cannot infringe on the other.

"The house," he said, "has no right to pass on the legality of its own acts."

Laguardia had asserted the chair might take legislative notice of the existence of the article three in the amendment which he contended makes it imperative.

Representative Beedy, republican, Maine, said the states had complied with requirements in ratifying the amendment and that section 3 had fulfilled its mission and had passed out of effectiveness.

Not Proper Place
Snell ruled that in reporting the allotment for prohibition enforcement, the committee had carried out the provisions of the constitution as it now stood. "The house," he said, "was not the place for the consideration of such a question because it could not pass on the legality of the constitution. The supreme court, he said, was the body before which the question should be brought."

The position taken by Chairman Wood was supported by Representatives Moore, democrat, Virginia, and Ramseyer, republican, Iowa.

Representative Black, democrat, New York, upheld the position of Laguardia.

Representative Moore said that the United States supreme court had passed on the validity of the amendment.

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NOTHING SEEN OF
EIELSON IN PLACE
REPORTED FOUND

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
NOME, Alaska, Jan. 18.—Efforts to confirm the reported finding of Carl Ben Eielson and Earl Borland near the Anguira river, 120 miles from North Cape, Siberia, have failed. Pilot Joe Siberia, who has been flying over the Siberian territory from the icebound for trading vessel Nanuk, radioed Alfred J. Lomen, director of the Eielson rescue operations, today.

Crosson yesterday flew over the district described in the Moscow dispatches and reported finding no trace of the men who left Teller November 5 and were last heard over a reindeer camp back of Ekasura, near Cape Serdze.

The flight from the Nanuk yesterday was the seventh made in the so far unsuccessful effort to obtain traces of the lost fliers by air.

25,000 EMPLOYEES
OF CHICAGO UNPAID
AS ROW PROCEEDS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—With city闹闹 in streets and in the face of threats of closing schools because of lack of funds, Mayor William Hale Thompson today voted for the second time the city council's "economy budget."

In a message to the council the mayor demanded appropriations exceeding anticipated revenue by \$5,000,000 to maintain police, fire, health and street cleaning and lighting services on the 1929 basis.

More than 25,000 municipal employees including 6,715 policemen and 2,865 firemen now have back pay due them. By next week it is estimated the number of unpaid city, county and public school employees will mount to almost 50,000.

Marriage To Englishman
Puts Congresswoman On
Defense to Keep Her Seat

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Presenting her own case in the contest over her seat in the house, Representative Ruth Bryan Owen, democrat, Florida, daughter of the late William Jennings Bryan, asserted before a house elections committee today that she had never renounced her citizenship to the United States even though married to an Englishman.

Mrs. Owen met the non-citizenship charge of William C. Lawson, republican contestant for her seat in the house, with a dramatic recital of the hardships encountered over her citizenship status as a result of her marriage.

"No man ever was called before a committee such as this to explain his marriage," Mrs. Owen said.

"If there is any penalty for my marriage I bear it proudly. I ask nothing more than justice and expect nothing less from this committee."

Mrs. Owen said that by her marriage in Nebraska to Major Reginald A. Owen, of the British army, in 1910, her citizenship was involuntarily lost under the act of 1907, but asserted she regained it in 1925 under the Cable act of 1922, through naturalization.

War Service Cited
She denied charges concerning the effect of her European residence made by Noah C. Balmum, of St. Petersburg, Fla., counsel for Lawson, and related how she had served with Mrs. Herbert Hoover during the World war in relief work in England, and later how she worked in nursing wounded British soldiers in Egypt.

With her husband disavowed by his service in the Dardanelles campaign, Mrs. Owen brought him to Florida where she said it became necessary for her to take the lecture platform to provide for her husband and four children.

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HOME OF SENATOR
PITTMAN AT U. S.
CAPITAL BURNED

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Fire early today destroyed the home of Senator Key Pittman of Nevada one of the show places of suburban Washington.

Senator and Mrs. Pittman escaped unharmed, and were able to remove considerable furniture and personal effects from the reach of the flames.

The Pittman home is an extensive estate on Ridge road, near the Maryland line, with extensive grounds overlooking the Potomac. The residence was a two and one-half story frame building. The upper stories were completely wrecked and the apartments below stairs were badly ruined by water. Senator Pittman estimated the loss at from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

The firemen encountered several handicaps in battling the blaze. Snow was falling heavily and this, coupled with the high wind, delayed the fire department. Fire hydrants were at a considerable distance and hose lines of from a quarter to a half mile had to be laid. All the apparatus in that section of the District of Columbia had to be called before sufficient hose was available.

Pittman was unable to give any cause for the blaze, but said he suspected a defective fuse.

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AGED WOMAN DIES
WHEN HOME BURNS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
BAKER, Ore., Jan. 18.—Funeral services were being arranged today for Mrs. Alexander Graham, elderly cripple, who was burned to death in a fire which destroyed the contents of her home yesterday.

The woman's grandchild at 17 and neighbors by screaming outside the residence: "My grandmother is burning up."

Miss McKim plunged through the burning home and found Mrs. Graham on the floor where she felt exhausted endeavoring to fight her way to freedom. Her clothing was burned from her body.

English was employed as an auditor of refund claims under the motor vehicle fuel tax acts and committed the larceny by falsifying claims.

It was believed that the crew of 150 men patrolling the burning area would have little difficulty in keeping the fire within present bounds.

Spent Friday in Roseburg—Mr. and Mrs. George Winston, of Green, spent yesterday in this city visiting friends and transacting business.

PROBE INTO
UTILITIES OF
NATION ENDS

Attempt of Power Concerns
to Justify Propaganda
in Public Schools
Unsuccessful.

Argument That Object Was
to Combat Socialistic
Ideas Doesn't Win
Consideration.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The federal trade commission's inquiry into publicity activities of public utilities ended today with Commissioner McCulloch declining to accept documentary and detailed evidence presented by the power companies in an effort to show that much of their propaganda against government ownership was issued as a defensive measure.

The inquiry adjourned until February 4, when the commission will begin its investigation into the financial setup of public utilities.

Bernard F. Weadock, special counsel for the public utilities, objected strenuously to Commissioner McCulloch's ruling, but the latter allowed only the names of the Public Ownership League, the Popular Government League and the People's Legislative Service to go into the record as showing that the utilities had to combat what Weadock termed opposition propaganda.

McCulloch said the commission was not investigating the organization referred to and would not go into the extent of their activities.

Socialism Feared
Weadock sought to show that an organized campaign had been conducted to "disrupt and socialize the industries of the country" by organizations campaigning in schools, colleges, newspapers and magazines and that senators and congressmen had aided these efforts.

Pamphlets and booklets of the League for Industrial Democracy, the Public Ownership League of America, the National Popular Government League and the People's Legislative Service were offered together with clippings from socialist and other papers detailing the activities of these groups in the campaign for public ownership of utilities. Attention was called to the leaflet of the league for industrial democracy bearing the name of Senator George W. Norris among members of the advisory council to its committee on coal and giant power.

A clipping from a socialist newspaper containing the statement that public operation and ownership of Boulder dam and Muscle Shoals would "split the power trust wide open and pave the way for the practical realization of socialism."

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ADVERTISING AIDS
PROGRESS OF U. S.,
W. A. WHITE STATES

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WICHITA, Kans., Jan. 18.—Where formerly the newspaper's influence was through its editorial columns, it now has its greatest effect through its advertisements, William Allen White, editor of the Emporia Gazette, told members of the Kansas press association at their annual banquet last night.

"Advertisements tend to make people dissatisfied with what they have and wish for better things and the race is benefited," Mr. White said. "As a nation we are building through advertising in depth of government and it is proving a better way."

LOUIS HUFF, CIVIL
WAR VET, PASSES

Louis Huff, veteran of the Civil war, passed away at the Soldiers' Home yesterday. He was a private in company G, 13th Illinois cavalry. He was minister by profession and has been a resident of the Soldiers' home since 1922. The body is being held at the Douglas funeral home awaiting word from Fred Herman, a close friend of Mr. Huff, who is on a trip to New Orleans. The body will probably be sent to Selma, Oregon, for burial.

DR. O. MARCEL'S
HOME IN PORTLAND
TAKEN BY FLAMES

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 18.—The \$12,000 home of Dr. O. Marcel, instructor in the University of Oregon medical school, was destroyed by fire today which originated in the walls of a residence which was one of Portland's outstanding homes.

Three sons, awakened by the smoke, spread the alarm. Snow drifts halted the fire department and only a small chemical wagon arrived at the fire too late. Dr. Marcel said he had been thawing water pipes previously but had inspected the home for fire. He said loss was covered by insurance.

TEMPERATURES
ACCOMPANY BLIZZARD OR
FLOODS IN MANY STATES

Mercury Drops to Lowest Point in Years in
Southwest Region, Following Blast From
Rocky Mountains; Fourteen Perish,
Scores of Others Marooned.

Bitter Cold Adds to Suffering of Families Driven From
Home by High Water in Middlewest—Snow Falls
From New York to Tennessee and Northern
Part of Georgia Is Lashed by Sleet.

By The Associated Press.
King Winter today ruled the north, middle western and several of the southwestern states and had made his influence felt throughout the western half of Dixie.

In Arkansas and Tennessee the hampered levee workers battled high water of the Mississippi valley's interior streams while in Indiana his cold blasts brought added misery to marooned families in flood districts.

Chicago reported that sub-zero weather had gripped the north and middle western states. The lowest temperatures were reported in Duluth, Minn., and Des Moines, Iowa, which recorded 26 below. In Chicago the temperature was 15 below and still lower in the surrounding suburbs.

Records Smashed
A blizzard slowly making its exit from the northern Rocky mountains caused temperature records of a dozen states to fall in the southwest and took a toll of 14 lives, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas were in the grip of one of the most severe cold waves of their history. Marshall, Mo., reported 21 below, last night, the coldest there in many years. At St. Joseph, Mo., it was 18 below.

Winfield, Kan., reported an official reading of 17 below, and Wellington, 12 below, the coldest in more than 30 years.

Even Dixie Shivers
Zero weather penetrated Arkansas and snow covered the western half of Dixie. The snow fall ranged from 5 to 7 inches deep in Arkansas and Memphis and Nashville, Tenn., reported a steady fall. Sleet pelted Atlanta and North Georgia as the temperature slipped below the low twenties.

The cold brought added suffering to marooned families in flood districts of the Wabash and White rivers in Indiana.

The storm out of the west brought snow and rain to New York. The temperature, however, was well above the zero mark.

From San Francisco reports that the cold weather had begun to retreat slowly from some parts of the far west.

Wave Smashes Records
KANSAS CITY, Jan. 18.—Cold, death and privation stalked hand-in-hand over the southwest today as the van of a blizzard slowly making its exit from the northern Rocky mountain states roared out over the Gulf of Mexico. Temperature records of decades fell in a dozen states and fourteen lives have been taken.

Approximately 50 persons were believed marooned in snow drifts dumped over the north by the most severe storm of years. Telephone and telegraph wires were down and highways impassable, hampering rescue operations.

Serious loss of livestock was feared. From the sheep country of Wyoming to the cattle ranges of Texas.

Rising temperatures were predicted for Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico today but Texas.

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Oregon Due For Another Blast
Of Snow Or Sleet, According To
Forecast, Killing Relief Hope

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
PORTLAND, Jan. 18.—Continuation of what may go down as "the historic winter of 1930," was forecast by the weather bureau here today. Any hope for immediate relief went glimmering with the announcement that snow or sleet was to be expected tonight and that a bitter east wind was on its way.

A fresh discomfort has been introduced to Portland residents—a fine white volcanic ash from the interior of the state, which the gale-like winds from over the Cascade mountains have whipped into the city.

The thermometer stood at the 15-degree mark at 8 a. m. today. The minimum for the night was 14 degrees. Outlying districts exposed to the full venom of the winds reported temperatures only a few degrees above the zero mark. More than a half inch of fine, white powdery snow fell during the night.

The Columbia and Pacific highways were reported open to motor traffic. The Astoria and southern Oregon highways were free, but the west side highway was blocked past McMinnville, with Sheridan still in a state of isolation. The Tillamook highway between Sheridan and McMinnville was blocked, but was expected to be cleared by 11 a. m. Chains were advised on all local routes.

Next Week Forecast
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—The weather outlook for the week beginning the 19th was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows:

Far western states: The outlook is for generally fair weather at the beginning of the week becoming unsettled later with general precipitation in the north Pacific states probably extending into northern California and the plateau regions.

Temperatures will be near the normal in California and Nevada and subnormal but rising slowly elsewhere.

Willamette Drifts Bad
SALEM, Ore., Jan. 18.—The state highway department has as-

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