

WEATHER FORECAST
OREGON: Unsettled, probably showers in west portion; local showers and thunderstorms in mountains; moderate temperature.
Roseburg and vicinity: Probably showers; moderate temperature.

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WEATHER YESTERDAY
Highest temperature yesterday 66
Lowest temperature last night 51
Precipitation 24 hours55
Total precip. for month1.82
Precip. since Sept. 1, 192919.95
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1929 9.90

317 CONVICTS DIE IN OHIO PRISON FIRE

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
IN 1929 there were 8,243 marriages and 3,179 divorces in Oregon. There were nine marriages for each thousand of population and 3.48 divorces. It is thus apparent that a little more than one marriage in each three in this state resulted in divorce.

THE marriage rate in Oregon increased from 8.5 per thousand of population in 1928 to 9 per thousand of population in 1929. The divorce rate increased from 3.38 in 1928 to 3.48 in 1929.

For some curious reason, which no one has ever been able to explain satisfactorily, this quiet, rather backward, supposedly home-loving state of Oregon has the second highest divorce rate in the nation, being exceeded only by Nevada.

CLACKAMAS county has the unique distinction of showing regularly more divorces than marriages.

In 1929, there were 225 divorces and 339 marriages in that county. In 1928, there were 238 marriages and 295 divorces.

"BUT how," you ask, "can that be?" Well, presumably, here is the explanation: People marry in haste in the adjoining large county of Multnomah, and get divorced at leisure, and with a minimum of publicity, over the line in Clackamas.

HERE is an odd little story, related to this writer the other day, which has a highly important moral:

A shipment of bulbs, grown in Oregon, was passed for export out of the state by an Oregon inspector, but later, when some of these same bulbs were shipped back to Oregon, they were refused a permit on the ground that they were not up to the standards required by the Oregon plant quarantine regulations.

Thereupon the inspector who refused to pass them in was shown the permit from another Oregon inspector which had made it possible to ship them. OUT of the state.

THE moral is this: It is really MORE IMPORTANT to see to it that only the very best products are permitted to GO OUT from Oregon than to see to it that only the very best is permitted to COME INTO Oregon.

Every off-quality product we send out of this state hurts the market for all other Oregon products. If in the future we are going to build up the markets that we need to build up we must take care that only QUALITY products go out from Oregon.

IN February of this year, the assets of the Mutual Life Insurance company of New York reached the billion dollar mark.

Here is the point that is interesting: It took this company 65 years to reach the half billion mark in 1928. It took only 22 years, or one-third as long, to pile up the other half billion.

The business world is moving much more rapidly now than it moved prior to 1908.

ALL business has made great strides in the past two or three decades, but life insurance has grown with unusual rapidity.

This is a good sign, for it means that fewer widows and orphans are being left without means of support. THAT MEANS that there is less poverty than in the past.

Every change in conditions that means LESS POVERTY is a change for the better.

IF every young person in this country, as soon as he reaches the point where he begins to earn

Eddy Voting Law Unconstitutional

OREGON HIGH COURT HOLDS ACT INVALID

Initiative and Referendum Amendments Violated by Restrictions, Opinion Says.

Non-Taxpayers Cannot Be Barred From Voting if They Sign Petition For an Election.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SALEM, Ore., April 22.—The Eddy act of the 1929 legislature, providing that only taxpayers may vote on questions involving bond issues or special tax levies, violates the initiative and referendum amendments to the state constitution, and is, therefore, invalid. This is the opinion of the state supreme court handed down today in the case of Kelley Lee of Portland against the election board of precinct No. 28, Multnomah county. In this case the plaintiff demanded that all legal voters, regardless of whether they were taxpayers, be allowed to vote on \$5,500,000 bridge bond issue. In Multnomah county on May 16 the suit was an original mandamus proceeding. Justice Rand wrote the opinion.

The gist of the court's reasoning is that it would be illogical and contrary to the intent of the constitution for all legal voters, regardless of whether they were taxpayers, to be allowed to sign initiative or referendum petitions, and then for only taxpayers to be allowed to vote on the measure.

The court's holding that the Eddy act violates the initiative and referendum provisions upholds the contention of the plaintiff in the case.

Opinion in Detail
Following this reasoning the opinion says of the Portland case: "But it is contended that the adoption or rejection of the measure to be submitted to the people authorizing the county of Multnomah to issue bonds for the purpose of building a bridge over the Columbia river, is a matter of such importance that it should be decided by a majority of the legal voters of the county."

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Five-Power Naval Treaty Signed, Pruning Fleets of Three Nations, Restricting Size of Two Others

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
(Associated Press Staff Writer)
LONDON, April 22.—Representatives of the five dominant naval powers of the world, America, Great Britain, Japan, France and Italy, this afternoon affixed their signatures to an epoch-making treaty, limiting and reducing the navies of three of them, and restricting the navies of the other two.

Colonel Henry L. Stimson, American secretary of state, and his colleagues on the American delegation, were the first to sign the historic document. M. Briand, French foreign minister, J. Ramsay MacDonald, British prime minister, and Admiral Giuseppe Siranni with their delegations followed.

Reijiro Wakatsuki, a former prime minister of Japan, and those of the Tokyo delegation who have worked with him through the three months and one day of long and difficult negotiations, were the last of the five-power representatives to affix their signatures.

Ceremony Dramatic
The unpretentious but dramatic ceremony, which marked the culmination of the greatest disarmament conference of all time, took place shortly after mid-day in the ancient and royal palace of St. James'. The setting was one for an artist, the final plenary session of the parley being held in Queen Anne's drawing room, with its rich red tapestries from the midst of which looked down the portraits of a long line of English kings.

Fourteen weeks ago the conference was ushered into being in the midst of a dense fog which pervaded the house of lords in a ghost-like hush. There was that same fog early today, but shortly after the plenary session convened the April sunshine burst through the mists and glinted from the golden

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PLANS GO FORWARD FOR MAY CARNIVAL JOHN B. SLOAN OF WEST FORK PASSES

Eight amusement rides, the most ever offered in Roseburg or in any other city of this state will be featured at the annual strawberry carnival this year which is definitely scheduled for May 23 and 24. The rides were contracted for last night by the committee of organization representatives that is handling the details of the carnival. An agreement was reached with Mr. Brown, of the Browning Amusement company, who appeared in person before the committee. Three shows which were found acceptable to the committee and four concessions consisting of ball throwing booths and a shooting gallery were also included in the arrangement.

John McClintock and Walter Fisher, chairman of the committee, visited the heads of the Lebanon carnival committee last week and learned the details of the very successful queen contest carried on in that city. As a result, the rest of the committee giving the details of the contest the festival committee voted to carry on a contest for a carnival queen. Votes will be held to business houses. These votes will be given out at the rate of one vote for each one cent purchase.

Chairman Fisher has prepared a complete list of committees and expects to make formal announcement of the various appointments at once. Because the time is short, work on the distribution of vote coupons for the queen contest will begin at once, and interested entrants are asked to get in touch with the chairman of commerce. It is expected that the various service organizations will sponsor queen contestants and also that other Douglas county cities may wish to place entrants in the contest. The event is to be county-wide, it is said.

Additional plans for the homecoming feature of this year's carnival were discussed. It is expected that the homecoming will be the biggest drawing card of the entire event. All former residents of this valley will be invited to return and enjoy two days of fun.

DROWNING LEADS TO PREPAREDNESS

The recent tragic drowning of Robert Taber in the South Umpqua river near Laurelwood demonstrated the great need for having grappling apparatus immediately available in such accidents. In order to meet this need, the fire department has secured all of the hooks, drags, and other equipment used in the efforts to locate Taber's body and is overhauling the equipment and putting it in better shape for use. The apparatus will be kept at the fire hall and can be secured whenever needed.

J. H. Sinner, local sheet metal worker, has constructed an apparatus to enable observers to peer into deep water. This device is built like a large funnel, with a glass over the large end. It can be placed in the water behind a boat, and through the eyepiece an observer can see to the bottom of the river, even though the water may be quite deep. This device has also been turned over to the fire department and will be available whenever needed.

U. S. DEFICIT NEXT YEAR, HOOVER SAYS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, April 22.—President Hoover has informed congressional leaders that re-examination of the budget shows a treasury deficit for the next year between \$20,000,000 and \$30,000,000.

In a letter to Chairman Jones of the senate appropriations committee and Chairman Wood, of the house appropriations committee, the president warned "there is cause for real alarm."

The unusual procedure of writing a letter of warning to the congressional leaders in charge of the nation's purse indicated Mr. Hoover's concern over a situation which only a few days ago he spoke of optimistically. At that time he forecast a surplus for next year of about \$10,000,000.

LA GRANDE, BAKER CENSUS ANNOUNCED

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
PORTLAND, Ore., April 22.—Census totals in Oregon announced today include the following:
LaGrande—7,970; increase 1,057, or about 13.2 per cent.
Baker—7,895; increase 76, or about .99 per cent.

Ten dollars cash will be paid for the first crate of good quality ripe strawberries grown locally to be delivered to the office of the Roseburg chamber of commerce. Secretary W. C. Harding, in making the offer, stated that it should not be construed as establishing a market price for early season strawberries. He has a special use for the first crate of berries grown here and he wants it within the next few days.

Miss London Enjoys Vacation—Miss Lucetta Logsdon, employee of the local telephone and telegraph company, returned last evening from Portland where she has been spending the past week. She will spend the remainder of her vacation at the home of her parents in Marshfield.

STATE LEGION HEAD CALLED ON TO RESIGN

Sidney George's Letter to President of American War Mothers Held Gross Insult.

State Treasurer Kay Says Shame Cast on World War Vets; Apology Unsatisfactory.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SALEM, Ore., April 22.—That Sidney S. George of Eugene should withdraw from the leadership of the American Legion in Oregon because of his recent letter to Mrs. Ada V. Skiff of Salem, Oregon head of the American War Mothers, is the opinion of State Treasurer T. B. Kay. Speaking as a citizen and not as a state official, Kay issued a statement today in which he accuses the Oregon Legion commander.

Mrs. Skiff recently wrote George, asking the name of some Eugene woman who might be interested in organizing the War Mothers there. George's reply was termed by Mrs. Skiff as "most insulting."

State Treasurer Kay's statement follows:

"Further Insult"
"In his letter to Mrs. Ada V. Skiff of Salem, S. S. George not only has belittled himself to the point of incomprehensible absurdity, but, as commander of the American Legion, has brought great shame upon that organization. For him now to say that his first letter was misinterpreted merely adds further insult to his original affront, as his answer to Mrs. Skiff's first letter was unequivocal and readily understandable."

"I know that the entire state of Oregon regrets exceedingly that such unwarranted calumny as was contained in Mrs. George's shocking letter to Mrs. Skiff should be attempted to be cast upon one of the most worthy and patriotic orders in America—an organization, in fact, which officially antedates the formation of the Legion auxiliary."

"If, indeed, it be a sacrilege to enshrine American war mothers' blood in the folds of the American flag, can it be said that the valiant

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WOODS COMBED FOR LOST 6-YEAR BOY

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
REDDING, Calif., April 22.—Over the timbered slopes of Mount Burney, 6,916 miles east of here, hundreds of searchers tramped today seeking 6-year-old Anna Lee Lakey, missing since Sunday.

The lad strayed away from his family during an Easter outing in Hat creek valley and since that time only a slight trace of his footprints in the snow on the upper slope of the mountain and a bed of pine needles and brush where he slept Sunday night, have indicated the direction of his wanderings.

The canyon where the footprints were seen was patrolled from end to end by Indian trappers but the marks were lost where the snow had melted.

Searchers included women and children and numbered more than 250. Their efforts were spurred on by the fact that the lad might succumb from exposure and hunger before help arrives.

The missing boy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anna Lee Lakey of Burney. He is one of six children.

TUITION PRIZES FOR QUEEN RACE WINNERS

S. P. Bailey, president of the new Oregon Business college, which has just been established here, expressed his approval of the queen contest plan of the strawberry festival committee by offering a free tuition, with a valuation of \$50.00, to be used by the winner of the contest. He also said that a certificate, good for one-half of a full tuition, with a valuation of \$25.00, would be given to second place winner in the contest.

Mr. Bailey, a member of the festival committee, has had considerable experience in cities of the middle west and south with queen contests and stated that when they are properly carried on as civic events they are very successful.

\$10 UP FOR FIRST CRATE OF BERRIES
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HOSPITAL HAS 130 OTHER INMATES, SCORE OF WHOM ARE IN GRAVE CONDITION

Prisoners and Guards Perform Heroic Rescues as Flames and Smoke Sweep Cells Filled With Shrieking Men—Idlers Start Trouble but Escape Prevented.

Blaze, Evidently of Incendiary Origin, Breaks Out in Newly Built Unit of Penitentiary, Designed for 1,600 and Housing 4,300; Guard Suspended as First Move in Official Inquiry.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
COLUMBUS, O., April 22.—The lives of 317 Ohio penitentiary convicts were snuffed out by flame and smoke while they were locked in their cells last night, according to the official casualty count made today by state officials.

More than 130 other prisoners were in the penitentiary hospital and a score of these were in a critical condition from burns and from smoke they inhaled while fire raged in parts of four cell blocks.

The penitentiary housed 4,300 convicts, some 2,500 above the capacity for which it was intended, when the fire, believed of incendiary origin, and fanned by a stiff wind, swept through the upper tiers of the four blocks, spreading death and suffering in its wake.

The flames were discovered shortly before 5:30 p. m. Within several hours the fire had been brought under control, but the suffocating smoke continued to take its toll among the convicts. In the adjoining cell blocks men screamed to be released. And when the prison officials capitulated to their demands the wide penitentiary yard became a streaming mass of gray clothed men.

Convicts Slug Guards
Before two hours had passed this mass of men, picking their way among countless bodies spread over the yard, became a threatening menace. Some of them cut the fire hoses which continued to play upon flames that spread to the prison cotton and woolen mills.

Others hurled stones and slugged the guards who were trying to maintain order. In the dining hall dishes and tables were upset.

Every available policeman in Columbus was summoned for duty both within the prison and on the outside. A sub-machine gun in the guard room protected the entrance to the prison yard.

Two companies of regular army troops and 1,500 Ohio national guardsmen were stationed at strategic places about the penitentiary. Every guard on both day and night shifts was on duty.

Streams of convicts swished through the mesh and iron bars and formed rivulets in which the faces of fallen men were buried.

Hundreds had been carried from the structure and above the heads of the rescuers in the sixth and last range were more than a hundred others who could not possibly be saved. Bed mattresses and the coats were masses of flames.

Locks and the cells were battered away with sledge hammers. The mesh walls of the ranges were cut away with wire cutters. Hose hoses, winding a patch up the flights of stairs, got in the road of stumbling men.

Outside the smoke filled building the scene resembled a field of battle strewn with corpses.

Convicts Aid Rescue
At first, the prisoners in pairs carrying a comrade by the arms and feet, they hurried across a small clearing covered with new lumber and dropped the victims into the grass.

Then they knelt beside the choked men, turned them on their stomachs and applied methods of resuscitation. For a while this revived the victims but soon they came so fast that the band of convicts found themselves stumbling over each other, dropping the men they had carried out and hurrying back for others.

Clash Not Serious
Except for minor disturbances there was no trouble, however. About five hours after the fire was brought under control the ranks of scantily clad prisoners began to

NEW PRISON FIRE QUICKLY PUT OUT

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 22.—Fire this afternoon in two dormitories in Ohio penitentiary was quickly extinguished by the Columbus fire department with chemicals.

Little excitement was caused by the blaze, which was believed to have been started by a spark from last night's inferno.

Thomas Watkins, the guard stationed last night by Warden P. E. Thomas on a charge of refusing to give up his keys or open the corridor door to the cell block where 317 convicts died, testified today before Governor Cooper's investigating committee that Captain John Hall of the penitentiary night guard had commanded him not to open the door.

FISH CREEK TRIO FACES U. S. COURT

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
PORTLAND, April 22.—Emory Davis, J. E. Braban and E. H. Best, squatters arrested Saturday in the Fish creek desert section of the Impassable national forest, were arraigned in federal court here today. The men were arrested by deputy United States marshals on charges brought by the government in its drive to keep the forest reserve free of settlers.

Best and Braban, charged with trespassing and cutting government timber, pleaded not guilty. Davis was given until Monday to plead to a charge of contempt of court. The court said a trial date will be set after all have pleaded.

Edgar Martin, a fourth squatter found and arrested by the marshals when they entered the reserve with bench warrants for the other three, is held for arraignment tomorrow on a trespass charge.

Davis and Best were arrested three times previously in the government's efforts to have them vacate their illegal 160-acre agricultural claims. Both served jail sentences for contempt of court.

PRUNE GROWERS REQUEST MARKET REPORT VIA RADIO

At the time of the annual meeting held in Roseburg recently the Douglas Cooperative Prune association passed a resolution asking L. R. Bretthaupt, extension economist, Oregon State college, to use his best efforts to have dried prune prices included in the daily market reports from the station KOAC at Corvallis.

At an earlier date, P. W. Diddel, chairman of the agricultural committee of the Riddle grange, had made a similar request of the extension service.

In a recent communication to J. C. Leedy, county agent, Mr. Bretthaupt stated that he had placed the matter before the bureau of agricultural economics through the Oregon representative, J. D. Hamilton, at Portland, emphasizing the importance of the prune industry in Douglas county and in Oregon generally.

P. M. AT GLENDALE WILL BE RENAMED

L. L. Hurd, postmaster at Glendale, has been recommended for reappointment by Congressman Hawley, according to word received here from Washington, D. C. Mr. Hurd has served very efficiently as postmaster at Glendale for many years, and his reappointment will bring entire satisfaction to the patrons of the office and his many friends throughout the county.

SUTTON FOUND DEAD AFTER WIFE EXPIRES
CHICAGO, April 22.—George B. Sutton, 66 years old, was found dead in his home today by friends who called to tell him of the death of his wife, Margaret. Sutton was 66 years old and his wife one year younger. They were devoted to each other, and through her weeks of illness Sutton had visited her daily at the hospital.