

WEATHER FORECAST

OREGON: Fair tonight and Wednesday, with ground fogs in west portion; no change in temperature. Roseburg and vicinity: Fair tonight and Wednesday, but with morning fog; moderate temp.

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WEATHER YESTERDAY

Highest temperature yesterday 59
Lowest temperature last night 48
Precipitation, last 24 hours 0
Total precip. for month 8.9
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1930 1.50
Relative humidity 5 p. m. (%) 67

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HOOVER DENOUNCES OIL SCANDAL ATTEMPT

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE state intangibles tax, under which about a million dollars has been collected, is held unconstitutional by the supreme court on the ground that it applies only to individuals and not to corporations, and is therefore discriminatory.

So the state of Oregon, already facing a deficit, will have to pay back the million dollars collected from taxpayers, thus making the deficit that much larger.

FIRST we pass an income tax, and then repeal it. Then we enact an intangibles tax which fails to run the gamut of the courts. Meanwhile, we run deeper and still deeper into the financial mire. It is high time for the best brains in Oregon to get together and devise a taxation system that will reach fairly all the wealth in the state, that will meet our pressing financial needs and that will be so carefully drawn that it will stand the scrutiny of the courts.

THE cost of building a home in Seattle is from 7 to 15 per cent lower now than a year ago. This fact is brought out by a study just completed by the West Coast Lumbermen's association.

It is probable that these figures, which are based upon actual experience in Seattle, are true of all other cities and towns of the Pacific Coast country.

If they ARE true, it means that this is a mighty good time for those who want a new home, and are able to afford a new home, to go ahead and build it.

WHY do people want NEW homes? That is a more important question than at first it appears to be.

Here, expressed in broad and general terms, is the answer: Because the homes that are built today are immensely more convenient and "livable," far better adapted to modern living conditions, than homes that were built even as late as ten years ago.

There has been great progress in home building, as in everything else, in the past decade, and homes built now provide their owners with far more satisfaction, and can be kept up with infinitely less labor.

That is why there is going to be a tremendous increase in home building in the next few years.

THE statisticians tell us that the average family spends \$38 a year for electricity and NINETY DOLLARS a year for cosmetics.

Why doesn't some bold leader of the people come out with a fearless platform demanding "cheap lipstick without cost to the taxpayer?"

"BUT that," you protest, "would be silly!"

Well, possibly it would. But it wouldn't be any sillier than the campaign of honey that is being waged in this state of Oregon around the issue of power.

Nothing COULD be any sillier than that.

BIG medicine is being made in Portland over this issue of public ownership and public development of power.

Listen: At any time in the past two decades the people of Portland could have gone into public ownership of power, if they had WANTED TO, just as the people of Eugene have gone into public ownership of power. They could go into it NOW—if they WANTED to.

PORTLAND and Eugene are in the same state, subject to the same laws. Whatever the people of Eugene have done in the way of

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Explosion Entombs 29 in Oklahoma Mine

ALL HOPE OF SAVING THEM ABANDONED

Overpowering Gas Prevents Rescue Workers From Entering Terrible Death Trap.

Damp Reduces Chances for Victims; Blast Causes Manager of Mine to Collapse.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
McALESTER, Okla., Oct. 28.—Gas today drove rescue workers from the lower levels of the Wheatley No. 4 mine, tomb of 29 miners since an explosion last night, and officials virtually had abandoned hope any would be found alive. One man, William Lennell, was killed at the head of the mine by the blast and bodies of four trapped miners have been sighted on the 16th level.

Several rescue workers were overcome by the damp and one, John Moore, was carried from the mine. The damp sent rescuers—numbering about fifty—back to the tenth level of the mine where ventilation was good. Efforts were being made to obtain brattice cloth to curtain off mine entries and aid ventilation lower down.

Workers estimated it would require six men from five to six hours to carry one body from the lower levels, because of the mass of debris to be traversed. It is impossible to send a car into the affected regions.

Little Hope Held Out
Miller D. Hay, chief mine inspector, who entered the workings on his arrival here early today from Ada, Okla., was optimistic for the statement there was little hope for the men trapped in the 16th, 17th and 18th levels.

A few more hopeful watchers at the mine today said there was a bare possibility of some of the trapped men surviving if they had kept their ledge doors closed. The force of a mine explosion is upwards, they said, and indications were that the blast occurred between the 12th and 14th levels.

Cause Unknown
No one would theorize as to the cause of the explosion, which crushed Donnelly against a wooden

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FISHERMAN MINUS LICENSE JAILED

Frank Richardson of Cottage Grove was arrested yesterday near Scottsburg on a charge of fishing without a license. The arrest was made by Deputy Game Warden Malcolm and Perry and Scott Britt, deputy fish warden. The three officers were on an inspection trip down the river and took occasion to check anglers' licenses. Richardson entered a plea of guilty when arraigned this morning before Justice of the Peace C. F. Hopkins and was fined \$25. Being unable to pay the amount he was committed to the county jail.

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Kidnaped Banker's Wife Cancels Hunt and Refuses to Aid Officers; Ransom Payment Believed Arranged

GALVA, Ill., Oct. 28.—The fate of Earl Yocum, kidnaped banker, rested today in the hands of his wife.

The banker's wife announced she had called off all outside help in the search for her husband, who disappeared Saturday, and was "handling the matter herself." She termed speculation that her husband was held in Chicago for \$50,000 as "all guess work" and added no one, except herself, had any knowledge of the supposed ransom demand.

Meanwhile, county authorities abandoned their hunt for the missing man when Mrs. Yocum declined to take them into her confidence. Two special delivery letters have been received by Mrs. Yocum, one from Kewanee, Ill., and the other from Chicago. Both are reported to have dealt with the ransom question.

Bankers Alarmed
The apparent anxiety of the Yocum family to drop the investigation was viewed with apprehension

Prohibition Referendum, Shorter Working Week Urged by Raskob

National Democratic Chairman Also Favors Life Term for Tariff Commission Members—Coolidge and Smith Enter Campaign in Massachusetts.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—Just a week before election, the chairman of the national committee last night suggested a national referendum on prohibition be made one of his party's objectives if it obtains power.

John J. Raskob advanced the proposal as one of six points in the course of a campaign address carried by radio all over the country. "Taking first place in his program was the five-day week for workmen. His other suggestions included determination by the federal trade commission of the legality of proposed business combinations in advance of their formation; abolition of the capital gains and loss tax; appointment of tariff commission members for life to take tariff-making out of politics, and employment of caution by congress to have all its legislation square "with good economics."

Together with the five-day week proposal, Raskob suggested the celebration of legal holidays on Monday to give three continuous recreation days. The shorter week, he maintained, would result "in sufficient savings to enable industry to pay its bills."

Dry Regime Floyer
"In there any dry so stubborn,"

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WESTERN RAILWAYS FIRST CHEST DRIVE ASSAIL RATE ORDER PERIOD NETS \$1300

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—A reopening of interstate commerce commission proceedings calling for a revision of western trunk line railroad rates was sought today by western carriers.

The carriers said while the commission had calculated to increase railroad earnings in the west by \$12,000,000 per year by the revision the recent decline in traffic and altered traffic conditions made this grant of more revenue unlikely.

For 1929 the western roads calculated their earnings represented \$95,592,000 less than a fair return; and for the last nine years \$125,000,000 per year less than a reasonable profit.

In view of this, it was argued the commission should reconsider the whole subject, particularly since it was held that during the first seven months of 1930 even more serious deficiency in western railroad earnings had been experienced.

Competition with truck service on highways was alleged to have made serious inroads on earnings. It was added that "one of the ironies in the proposed trunk line rate adjustment is the reductions allowed on long hauls where truck competition with railroads is least," while no provision exists in the projected revision for lower short haul rates to counter truck opposition.

The decision complained of would become effective next month. It is understood no new schedules will be drafted by railroads in compliance with the decision until the protest today is ruled upon by the commission.

LEGHORN HENS SET NEW LAYING RECORD

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
KANKAKEE, Ill., Oct. 28.—Five White Leghorn hens, owned by E. H. Rucker, Ottumwa, Iowa, have set a new world's egg laying record.

The hens have laid 1,558 eggs in 361 days or 318 eggs a hen. The previous record, set last year in Storrs, Conn., was 302 eggs a hen.

VETS' HOME BONDS GET KIWANIS O. K.

A unanimous stand for the charter amendment authorizing a bond issue to secure a site for the proposed branch of the national soldiers home in Roseburg was taken by the Roseburg Kiwanis club at the regular luncheon program today. The entire noon hour was given over to a discussion of this important issue and various phases of the project were discussed. At the close of the meeting, every Kiwanian gave enthusiastic endorsement to the amendment and the bond issue in a rising vote. The club considered ways and means of securing a heavy vote upon this local issue and will actively campaign for its passage.

SPECIAL ROAD TAX LIMITED TO 2.5 MILLS

Notices Out for Election on Tiller-Trail Project Convey Wrong Idea As to Rate.

Purpose to Vote Maximum Amount of \$12,500 on Figured Valuation of \$5,000,000.

Many residents of the South Douglas district have conceived a wrong idea concerning the road issue for which a special election has been called for November 17 at Blatner's hall in Canyonville. The issue being the formation of a special paving district to secure completion of the Tiller-Trail road, according to County Commissioner Huron Clough. The misunderstanding has resulted from the form of election notices posted.

The residents were informed that a tax of 2 1/2 mills be voted, while the election notices state that the election is to be held to vote a tax not to exceed 10 mills. The law, it is explained, provides a special form for calling such notices and this form was used, but the amount of tax to be voted is limited to a levy of 2 1/2 mills as originally provided.

Five Miles to Finish
The taxing district was petitioned for by a group of representative citizens residing with the territory tributary to the South Umpqua river. Mr. Clough states, "The proposed district comprises the Dillard section, Myrtle Creek, Riddle, Canyonville and the upper South Umpqua watershed. The petition bore names from all of these localities."

The legal procedure for the creation of the district, required

TWO GET BROKEN BONES; CAT BLAMED

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 28.—The brown cat is replacing the superstitious black in Portland, if accidents occurring here last night are indicative of the trend in falline color changes. At any rate it was not a black cat which sent two people to the hospital in rapid succession.

Alex Harper telephoned his wife from a department store. Mrs. Harper was upstairs in their home when the telephone bell rang, and hurried to answer it.

At the head of the stairs lay the Harper cat, a brown one, dozing. Mrs. Harper started down stairs she tripped over the pet and fell, fracturing her shoulder.

She managed to telephone her husband, telling of the accident. Leaving the store, he hurried toward a taxi stand. As he ran across the street he got in the way of an automobile. He fell to the pavement with a fractured right leg.

DOUGLAS COUNTY GAINS 491 VOTERS

The total number of registered voters in Douglas county has been increased from 10,455 to 10,946, according to an announcement made today by County Clerk Roy Agee, who has just completed the tabulation following the closing of the registration books. The republicans outnumber the democrats 7,735 to 2,211, both parties showing gains over last year's registration. In 1928 the republicans had 7,433 and the democrats 2,690. The balance of the voters are divided among 20 progressives, 15 prohibitionists and 55 socialists, there were 270 listed as miscellaneous. While includes independents, non-partisans and those who decline to report any party affiliation.

The greater part of the increase, Mr. Agee states, comes from new settlers in the county and those who have become of age since the last election. The clerk's office at regular intervals clears the registration list of names of persons who have died or have moved away from the county and those who have allowed their franchise to lapse by not voting at previous elections.

SHIPMENTS OF CANTALOUPE COME TO END

Last of 53,000 Crates Out of Umpqua Valley for the Season of 1930 Leaves Roseburg.

The last Umpqua valley cantaloupes for the season were shipped from Roseburg yesterday, making a total of approximately 53,000 crates shipped out this year. Cold weather has cut down production until the melons can no longer be profitably graded and packed. There may be a few more shipments by truck to nearby points, but so far as the general shipping is concerned the season is over, according to Wesley Williams, who has had charge of the marketing end of the industry.

Mr. Williams reports that orders have already been placed with the General Fruit corporation for eight carloads daily to be shipped to eastern markets, amounting outlet for all of next year's crop.

BANK ROBBERS KILL MONTANA SHERIFF

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
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At completion of the job one went to the rear and turned on a light, apparently as a blind to cover escape while the other went out the front door.

As he made for their car in which a companion was waiting, the officers opened fire. One of the robbers seemed badly hurt but with his companion who abandoned the car, ran into the darkness.

Metzger and others followed and the robbers halted long enough to exchange shots with their pursuers. Metzger fell with a bullet through his heart.

The man captured said his name

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PARDONS GRANTED TO 2 OREGON CONS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SALEM, Ore., Oct. 28.—Conditional pardons for Charles A. Murray of Eugene, who has served two and a half years of an eight-year sentence for involuntary manslaughter, and S. Schibata, who has served 16 years of a life sentence for murder in Umatilla county, were announced by Governor Norblad yesterday. Both were recommended by the state pardon board.

BELEATED PAYDAY GLADDENS CHICAGO

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
CHICAGO, Oct. 28.—Chicago's vast army of policemen, firemen and other city employees were happy today. It was payday for them.

ILLICIT EXISTENCE ENDED BY TRAGEDY

Man Killed in Idaho Supposedly by Woman With Whom He Fleed to Escape Vice Charge.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
BONNERS FERRY, Idaho, Oct. 28.—Mrs. Violet Robertson was held for questioning today in connection with the fatal shooting Sunday night of L. C. Church, known here as Llewellyn Curtis, her husband.

Mrs. Robertson, in reporting the shooting, said her husband must have been killed by enemies who followed him from Maine as he stood by an open window. Sheriff H. H. Washburn of Boundary county said he found the 30-30 rifle, with which he believed the man had been shot, in a well near the house. Mrs. Robertson, who admitted her identity only after Skowhegan, Maine, authorities had advised her arrest, said the rifle disappeared from their house before the shooting.

Maine authorities said L. C. Church was indicted last September with a woman on a vice charge, but neither appeared for trial and their bonds were forfeited. The belief was expressed that Mrs. Robertson and Church were these persons.

Neighbors said "Mr. and Mrs. Church" came here about a month ago, purchased a small farm six miles from town, and had lived there since.

A theory that Church was killed by a robber was discounted, as he carried several hundred dollars in a money belt on his person, and this was not touched.

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Oregon Ballot Measures

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Vote Yes or No

322 Yes. I vote for the amendment.

323 No. I vote against the amendment.

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By B. L. EDDY

SHALE LAND SALE CHARGE FALLS FLAT

President Declares Kelley, Accuser, Had Chance to Prove His Case but Failed to Act.

Own Record in Land Office Refutes Graft Claims; Sale of "Yarn" to Press Scored.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—President Hoover today denounced as an attempt to fasten an odious oil scandal upon his administration the charges by Ralph S. Kelley, former head of the Denver field force of the department of the interior, that oil companies were obtaining illegally valuable oil shale lands from the government.

The president said while publication of the Kelley charges in the newspapers did not represent the high standard of American journalism, the newspapers might have been misled. He said Kelley or the newspapers publishing his stories could have determined the falsity of the charges by investigation.

Mr. Hoover said though Kelley came to Washington last July and arranged the sale of his story to a newspaper, his charges were delayed so they could be put into the political campaign. He said the newspaper that purchased the story was of political help opposite to his own.

Own Records Refute
Kelley in Mr. Hoover's opinion, could himself have established the falsity of his charges by reference to his own records.

Instead of 8,000,000 acres of oil titles worth millions of dollars, being approved by this administration, there have been only 43,000 acres of titles granted and these could be bought for a few dollars an acre.

Of the 43,000 acres, the president said, 20,000 had been approved by Kelley himself.

The president said a proper in-

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SCHOOL FOR PROHIBITION OFFICERS OPENED

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 28.—"Teacher, may I go out and raid a saloon?"

Words to that effect, may, with the aid of the imagination be heard emanating from a room at the city hall, where a school for prohibition agents is in session.

With Clarence Housel as principal, prohibition agents from Nevada, California and Honolulu were taking a two weeks' course in both theoretical and practical aspects of their work.

The faculty included Clyde McLemore of Seattle, an attorney for the federal department; U. S. District Attorney George J. Hatfield; William G. Walker, prohibition administrator; Chief of Police William J. Quinn and Clarence Morrill, head of the state bureau of criminal identification.

National Prohibition Director Woodcock is expected to attend some of the classes.

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