

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Fair, but with valley fogs tonight and Saturday; moderate temperature.
Roseburg and vicinity: Fair tonight and Saturday, but with fog tonight; moderate temperature.

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THE DOUGLAS COUNTY DAILY

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Highest temperature yesterday 59
Lowest temperature last night 34
Precipitation, last 24 hours—0
Precip. since first of month—3.88
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1929 7.86
Relative humidity 5 p. m. 57

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SAM WHITSETT KILLED IN HIGHWAY CRASH

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THESE words are written on a train, which is running light, as to passengers, beside a great paved highway, whose automobile traffic is heavy—very heavy indeed.

What would people have said if you had told them, say 20 years ago, that such a thing would come to pass?

They would have hooted at you in derision.

WHEN somebody tells you that thus and so will happen in the next few years, don't be skeptical and scornful if what he says appears to you to be far fetched.

It isn't safe to be skeptical any more.

WHAT is the future of railway travel? Can anyone answer that question?

This writer can't. Perhaps it will disappear—although that seems rather doubtful. The railroad passenger train provides a service that can't be duplicated by any other existing agency of travel.

THERE were numerous predictions a little while back that in a short time—five to ten years—reem to be the favorite guess—the airplanes, because of their superior speed, will take ALL the travel, leaving none for the railroads.

These predictions are becoming less numerous and much less positive. For one thing, the safety of airplane travel hasn't been yet fully demonstrated to the average run of people. It MAY be safe enough, in terms of passenger miles flown per accident, but it's still hard for people to believe it.

Most of us are a little like the old negro who remarked sagely: "Boy, if you gets in a bad wreck on de railroad, dar you is; but if you gets in a wreck on de steamboat, wha' is yo'?"

THERE are two other factors to be considered at present in average airplane travel.

One is the noise, which is deafening. The other is the remoteness from the everyday, human life of the country. From the car window, you look out upon the doings of PEOPLE.

From the airplane, you merely look down on scenery—lots and lots of it spread out beneath you—and after a while it gets monotonous.

So let's not count the passenger train out of it—yet.

GREAT Douglas county! It stretches nearly 200 miles from the summit of the Cascades to the Pacific, and more than 100 miles from Divide to the Josephine county line.

It is an empire in area. It is an empire in prospective wealth.

And of Douglas county it can truly be said: "Here life is better." We have the finest climate in Oregon, which means the finest, taking it the year around, in America. We have outdoor scenery that can't be excelled. And we have rich soil and fine people—good American people.

IN the Cow Creek canyon, along the railroad, and in the Canyon Creek canyon, along the highway, are scattering live oaks—so far as this writer knows the northern outpost of this beautiful tree, which is usually looked upon as characteristic of the south.

How did they get there? No body knows. Probably in the same way that the California poppy got up here from the south.

NOT so very long ago, the California poppy was looked upon as characteristic of California. Now

LEE DUNCAN, PAL ESCAPE FROM "PEN"

Convict From Douglas and D. Flynn Scale Wall at Night; Fog Helps.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SALEM, Jan. 30.—Belief that two convicts who made their escape over the wall of the state prison here shortly after 6 o'clock Thursday night, were in the vicinity of Junction City or Eugene, was expressed here today by prison officials. Basis for this theory was the fact that two men held up a man along the highway near Halsey about 10:30 this morning, took his automobile away from him and drove south. Lane county officials have been asked to keep a lookout for the pair.

SALEM, Jan. 30.—An all-night search by a crew of thirty men failed to capture two convicts who made their break for liberty last night from the state penitentiary. Early today prison officials had no word or clues as to the whereabouts of the pair. A dense fog aided in their get-away.

Lee Duncan, sentenced from Douglas county in 1925, to serve 35 years for assault upon an officer, and Dan Flynn, sentenced from Multnomah county to 15 years for assault, broke into the flax mill, secured a ladder and climbed over the wall and were gone perhaps five minutes before their absence was detected by the lack of lights, officials said. They had been working in the boiler shop.

Clothes Line Robbed
Shortly after making their escape two men robbed the clothes line of Otto Muelhaupt in Salem and secured a brown overcoat and other clothes. Muelhaupt was knocked down by one of the men when he went to investigate the noise in his yard.

The prison break was the first since 1925. Warden Jim Lewis termed the two as "bad boys." Duncan was serving his second term in the penitentiary and before being brought to Salem, he had escaped from Eugene.

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NORTH BEND LOGGER DROWNS IN INLET

MARSHFIELD, Jan. 30.—Ray C. Smith, 35, of North Bend, drowned last night when he fell from a log boom on lathum inlet. Julius Conrad and Peter Neilson, who were with him, were thrown in the water.

Thelma Smith, 21, employee of the port dock, rescued Conrad and assisted Neilson to safety. He struggled with Smith until exhausted. The rescuer was taken from the water in a semi-conscious condition.

Ray Smith's body was recovered 20 minutes later. He is survived by his widow and two children.

Oregon Bank Deposits Set New Record For One Call; Roseburg 8th In Standing

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SALEM, Ore., Jan. 30.—Time and savings deposits in all Oregon banks at the close of business December 31 totaled \$128,311,117.91, a record breaker in the history of the state for any one official bank call, says a statement today by A. A. Schramm, state superintendent of banks, relative to the call of that date. This is an increase of over \$2,500,000 compared with the last previous call of September 24 and an increase of about \$2,500,000 compared with the corresponding call of a year ago.

"Deposits subject to check on December 31," Schramm said, "totalled \$150,608,294.57, indicating a decrease since September of approximately \$14,500,000, although the decrease since March 27, 1930, is only approximately \$2,500,000. Thus the aggregate deposits of both time and savings and subject to check show only a decrease of approximately \$150,000 for the entire state as compared with March 27, 1930.

Reserve Status Good
The reserve position of the

Seeks Divorce



(Associated Press Leased Wire)
CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—Evelyn Nesbit, former wife of Harry K. Thaw, is seeking a divorce from Virgil James Montgomery, known on the stage as Jack Clifford.

The suit, it was learned today, was filed in superior court and charged that Clifford deserted her in New York ten years ago. Miss Nesbit and her husband, who at one time was her dancing partner, were married in 1916.

SORORITY HOUSE MOTHER MISSING

Sudden Disappearance of Mrs. Thatcher Causes Alarm at Eugene.
(Associated Press Leased Wire)
EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 30.—Mrs. Lillian Thatcher, for a year and a half housemother at Chi Omega sorority, has disappeared. Mrs. Thatcher has been in poor health and some fears for her safety have been expressed. She was last seen Wednesday evening at 9 o'clock by one of the girls of the sorority.

Mrs. Thatcher's home was in Portland and two of her daughters are on their way to Eugene. Dorothy Shaw, president of the sorority, said only one outfit of the housemother took no traveling bag. Mrs. Thatcher was well liked by the girls. Miss Shaw said and there had been no misunderstanding of any kind.

Mrs. Thatcher was wearing a tanish-gray coat, trimmed with black seal, shoes with Cuban heels, a dark blue knit suit with red designs on the sweater. She is about fifty years of age with grayish-brown hair and blue-gray eyes.

J. W. DAVIS LIKELY TO DEFEND BUTLER

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The expectation that John W. Davis, prominent New York lawyer and 1924 democratic nominee for president, would head the counsel for Major General Smedley D. Butler during his courtmartial, was expressed today by friends of the marine officer, who have been studying the case.

INTANGIBLES TAX RETENTION ASKED IN BILL

Another Seeks New Act to Meet Court's Decision; Measures Appear on Many Subjects.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SALEM, Ore., Jan. 30.—Two intangibles tax bills were being prepared for introduction today, and will be the subject of committee discussion this afternoon. One measure would provide for the collection of unpaid 1929 intangibles taxes and the retention of the \$900,000 already collected, and the other would meet the supreme court's objections for a 1930 tax. The supreme court recently declared unconstitutional the 1929 tax and yesterday denied the petition for a rehearing of the case.

Both houses expect to adjourn early this afternoon until Monday. A new "gasoline cowboy" bill rode into the house, its provisions clarifying the old bill and tending to make it more effective. The measure was introduced by the committee on livestock and agriculture.

Peddlers Classified.
Fish wagon peddlers are excluded from the provisions of the act. A bona fide producer of livestock must be in possession of the meat food animals or poultry he proposes to slaughter at least 30 days immediately prior to the slaughter or he desires to sell to a retailer he must obtain a producer sale tag. A peddler license is required if he wants to peddle his own meat. A poultry tag is required if more than ten birds are sold at any one time.

The bill makes it unlawful for anyone other than a bona fide producer of meat food animals to transport any unstamped carcass or dressed poultry unless the person selling or transporting has in his possession a valid license.

LOCAL INVESTORS RECEIVE DIVIDEND

M. M. Miller, business manager of the News-Review, returned yesterday from Portland where he has been spending several days attending to business matters. Mr. Miller, who is interested in the Wy-Tex corporation, with which a number of Roseburg investors are also connected, reports that the company has declared a 5 per cent dividend payable February 20 to all stockholders of record February 15.

Mr. Miller, while in Portland, called on County Judge Walter Hamilton and T. E. Singleton, Roseburg residents, who have been quite ill at Portland. Both are greatly improved in health, he reports. Judge Hamilton expects to be home Saturday or Sunday. Mr. Singleton was moved Wednesday to the home of his sister.

NEWELL PUT BACK ON DRY LAW JOB

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Prohibition Director Woodcock today announced the appointment of W. K. Newell as acting deputy prohibition administrator at Portland, Ore.

Newell has been out of the federal prohibition service since last July. He was then prohibition director for Oregon and was suspended in July. Woodcock said, for failure to accept another assignment.

The prohibition director said Newell had a perfect right to resign at that time if he did not wish to go where he was instructed to go, but that a compromise has been reached and Newell appointed to the Portland post.

BLAST KILLS 28 IN BRITISH COAL MINE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WHITEHAVEN, Cumberland, Eng., Jan. 30.—Twenty-eight coal miners are known to have been killed in an explosion which buried them in the deep Haig pit here yesterday.

CROSS-STATE R. R. ORDER IS RULED INVALID

I. C. C. Can't Force Line to Build Where It Doesn't Profess to Serve, Court Holds.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 30.—A five thousand word federal court decision today stood in the way of the interstate commerce commission's enforcement of an order that the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company construct a 185-mile cross-state line from Crane to Crescent in central Oregon.

The decision, written by United States Circuit Justice Rudkin, was handed down here yesterday by Federal Judge McNary. Circuit Justice Withers was the third judge who heard the case.

The decision held that the commission may not require railroads to construct new lines in territory they do not profess to serve and that in the present case the O. W. R. & N. does not profess to serve the territory through which the proposed road would run.

GLIDE OBJECTS TO HIGHWAY CHANGE

Residents of the Glide community are strongly opposed to the proposed change in the location of the North Umpqua highway through that place, according to Robert Blakely, who was a visitor in Roseburg today. The county court, he states, has made a new survey, which would cut the road at a considerable distance behind the schoolhouse and away from the center of the community, making a direct, straight route from the river crossing to Lone Rock bridge. The residents, he says, prefer that the road follow the river, as at present.

FUGITIVE CASHIER OF MALIN ARRESTED

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 30.—R. C. Dobusky, former cashier of the Malin state bank, and former city recorder at Malin, is under arrest in Denver on secret indictments from this county charging forgery and embezzlement, according to a telegram received last night by Sheriff Lloyd Low.

Denver officers said Dobusky waived extradition. He is charged with having forged a \$3,000 note, embezzled money and forged bank reports. He has been missing since August and was traced to the east, Texas, New Mexico and finally to Denver.

MONOXIDE KILLS BOY; GIRL IN HOSPITAL

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 30.—Raymond Crumb, 20, died from carbon monoxide poisoning, and Nell Hill, 18, was in a precarious condition at a hospital here today from effects of the gas.

The two had parked their automobile in front of the home of the girl's aunt, Mrs. L. C. Hill, of Talent, at midnight, leaving the engine running. Mrs. Hill was awakened at 4 a. m. by the sound of the engine. Crumb was dead and the girl unconscious. It was believed the boy and girl fell asleep in the closed car.

Natural Death Comes at 88 To Noted Kentucky Feudist

John W. Wright, Original of "Judd Tolliver," Character in John Fox's Novel, Credited With Killing at Least 25 Men—Fought on Both Sides in Civil War.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
POUNDS, Virginia, Jan. 30.—John W. Wright, the "Devil Judd Tolliver" of John Fox's "Trail of the Lonesome Pine" and picturesque "bad man" of the Cumberland mountains, died at his mountain cabin near here today. During his eighty-eight years of life "bad John" is reputed to have killed 25 to 30 men.

Wright whose enormous stature also had given him another nickname, "The Tall Sycamore of the Elkhorn," was a guard at the Winchester, Va., jail when Fox knew him. The novelist and the fearless mountaineer became fast friends and Wright's experiences as drawn out by Fox furnished much of the color of the novel.

As a young man Wright had participated in the famous Wright-Hall feud in which a large number of men were killed. Whether he actually slew any of the Halls in helping fight his own relatives' battles was always a matter of conjecture. When the feud was raging, the participants were too busy to talk, and Wright in later years never discussed it publicly.

In fact, he would never say how many lives he took after he joined the forces of law and order. He regarded the slayings, however, as no blot mark against his character. Officers of the law took their lives in their hands when they went into the mountains to

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SCOUTS AND GIRLS BEGIN DRIVE TODAY

Funds to Be Solicited in Roseburg to Help Red Cross Relief Work.
By E. A. BRITTON

Immediately after school this evening, there will be a drive of Boy Scouts and pairs of Campfire Girls soliciting funds in Roseburg for the Red Cross relief in the drought area. These youthful but sincere workers will comb the business district this evening and tomorrow morning will solicit the residence section. The public will find them very courteous and anxious to complete the business at hand with each person as rapidly as possible. It is hoped that no one will take their time by attempting to hold them in conversation, as they have a lot to do and a short time to do it. They are furnished with receipt blanks, and as soon as they have finished their job this evening they will "check in" at the chamber of commerce. The public need have no fear of trusting any one of these solicitors.

Boy Scout pairs already assigned districts are as follows: George Orle and Billie Wadsworth, Rex Applegate and Dale Owen, Bill Wharton and Sherwood Nicholas, Robert Hillwell and Tom Ness, Arthur Baum and John Rapin, Elmer Dent and Gilbert Finley, James Darby and Mervyn Kingwell, Jack Hatrick and Leonard Russell, Joe Moore and Bill Denny. Other scouts will report at the chamber of commerce offices immediately after school for assignments.

Through a misunderstanding the Campfire Girls met at the junior high school instead of the senior high and did not receive any assignments. However, they will report at the chamber of commerce immediately after school and will be assigned to districts. One pair, Allena Brown and Eleanor Fies, have already been assigned. It is planned to complete the business district and the residence section tomorrow morning.

It is expected that other communities of the county will be sending in their contributions today and tomorrow, as they were requested to have them in today if possible.

R. K. O. AND PATHE STUDIOS COMBINE

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29.—A merger of Radio-Kath-Graham pictures and Pathe studios was announced today by Hyman S. Brown, president of R. K. O.

Under the plan of consolidation R. K. O. pictures title and assets to Pathe but the two organizations will continue to operate as distinct producing and distributing units in the motion picture industry. These activities, Brown said, will be increased largely.

DOG LOYAL TILL DEATH

CHARLEROI, Belgium, Jan. 30.—Faithful until death has been Alexander Triguoux's dog. Triguoux, a night watchman at the Nord Surtolieries died at his post. The dog sat for days waiting for his master's return. It was necessary to shoot him.

Harvard Ousts Son of Yale Professor For Hurling of Grapefruit At Rudy Vallee

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 30.—A grapefruit barrage laid down on Rudy Vallee, crooning entertainer, in a Boston theatre recently has had its reaction today in the requested withdrawal from Harvard of James S. Angier, son of Professor Rowland P. Angier of Yale, simultaneously. William P. Blane, of New York, was placed on probation by the college authorities. Angier and Blane, both freshmen, were taken from the theatre audience with another student by police soon after the grapefruit was thrown.

Under police questioning, Angier and his companions denied having thrown the fruit which spattered over a member of Vallee's orchestra as Rudy crooned "Please Give Me Something to Remember You

TRUCK HITS HIS AUTO AT SHADY POINT

Walter Wright, Companion of Whitsett, Escapes With Minor Hurts; Inquest Likely.

Sam D. Whitsett, 70, prominent livestock raiser of Drew and Roberts creek, died at Roseburg General hospital, shortly before noon today, following an accident a short distance south of the Shady Point crossing, when his automobile collided with a southbound Red Ball freight truck, driven by Donald Savage. Whitsett suffered a fractured skull, broken arm, and numerous other injuries as a result of the impact. Walter Wright, an employee on Whitsett's ranch at Roberts creek, who was also riding in the car, escaped with minor cuts and bruises. Savage, Tommy Randall and Tom Kelsy, who occupied the truck, were not hurt.

Cars Meet at Turn
Whitsett, according to the accounts given by Wright and the occupants of the truck, was traveling north. The pavement was very wet and slippery due to heavy fog. As he rounded the turn, just north of the intersection of the highway and Happy valley road, he swung out to the center of the road. The truck was also on the turn, and Wright said that Whitsett attempted to pull back to the right of the road and that the car skidded sideways directly in front of the truck.

Both Whitsett and Wright were thrown out through the right front window of the sedan by the impact of the collision. The sedan driven by Whitsett was demolished.

The injured man was immediately brought to the hospital and Dr. Lehrbach called to treat his injuries, but he was so seriously injured that death occurred within a few minutes.

Inquest Probable
Sheriff Jackson and deputies, together with Ralph Quine, state traffic officer, made an immediate investigation and secured statements from all of the witnesses, together with making an inspection at the scene of the wreck.

An inquest will probably be held. Mr. Whitsett was a lifelong resident of the county, engaging, during his entire active life, in stock raising. He operated large ranches at Roberts Creek and Drew, and

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ROTARY HEARS TALK ON BUSINESS ETHICS

Dan Entler, student member of Rotary for the semester just past, gave his farewell address to the club yesterday. He told of the evolution of business and business practices and pointed out that actual ethical business practice is slightly more than two and one-half decades old and dates its beginning almost from the beginning of Rotary.

Due to a program conflict, the meeting of Rotary, at which the members of the Roseburg band are to be guests, was postponed. The next meeting of the club will be a regular noon meeting.

The program, under the direction of Dexter Rice, was an all-student production. Following Dan Entler's talk, Phyllis Anne Bolter and Gladys Metzger played a violin-duet.

Angier was reported, however, to have said the incident came under the head of "great ideas."

Previous incidents of Angier's brief stay at Harvard plus his proximity to the source of the grapefruit and his reported remarks about it, were said to have actuated the Harvard administrative board yesterday to ask his withdrawal.

The Harvard officials declined today to comment on the case, Angier has the privilege of returning next fall as a dropped freshman providing his conduct in the meantime has been satisfactory.

Soon after being informed of the board's action, Angier left for his New Haven home. His father is head of the psychology department at Yale.