

WEATHER

Highest temperature yesterday 49
Lowest temperature last night 27
Precipitation for 24 hours .02
Precip. since first of month .21
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1925 21.20
Excess since Sept. 1, 1925 .58
Generally Cloudy.

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NORTHWEST BLIZZARD HALTS ALL TRAFFIC

FORMER VICE PRESIDENT CURTIS DIES

Heart Attack Ends Political Career Covering Fifty Years

FIRST PUBLIC OFFICE HELD AT AGE OF 24

Boyhood Spent With Indian Kin Until Grandmother Started Him Toward an Education.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Charles Curtis, the only man of Indian ancestry ever to be vice-president, died this morning of a heart attack. He was 76.

A cold had confined him to bed for several days. He had been looking forward to reentering the political arena, where for so many years he was a dominant figure as representative and senator from Kansas. This time his hope was to help bring the republican presidential nomination to his friend, Governor Alf M. Landon of his state.



CHARLES CURTIS

Believing him better, his sister—Mrs. Dolley Gann, with whom he lived—had gone shopping. Only a maid was beside him at death.

Tributes Voiced

Democrats and republicans alike mourned his passing. Leaders of his party were counting on him in the presidential campaign.

"I am deeply distressed to learn of the sudden passing of my old friend, Charles Curtis," said President Roosevelt.

"Whether they knew him as a senator, as the vice president of the United States, or as the man he was in his own right, his legion of friends will remember him, at—"

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\$385,000 FIRE RAZES IDAHO WAREHOUSE

LEWISTON, Idaho, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The three-story Mason-Ehrman warehouse building lay in ruins today, destroyed by a fire which defied firemen in zero weather.

Damage was estimated at \$385,000, the structure alone being valued at \$250,000.

With the mercury hovering around seven below zero, firemen could make little progress. Their equipment and clothing were sheathed in frozen spray while a biting east wind whipped the flames east night.

Tons of merchandise and foodstuffs were poured into the inferno when the second floor collapsed. Firemen ordered spectators out of the fire zone at one juncture when shotgun shells broke in the warehouse exploded, breaking windows of nearby structures.

DEATH HITS RESCUE PARTY IN BLIZZARD

Officer Dies, 5 Exhausted Trying to Take Food to Marooned Islanders.

CRISTFIELD, Mr., Feb. 8.—(AP)—A desperate battle to penetrate a blinding blizzard and take food to marooned islanders over the treacherous Chesapeake bay ice left a state policeman dead and five persons recovering today from exhaustion and exposure.

The six were members of a group of 15 who set out late yesterday from Cristfield pushing a ton of food on sleds. They braved a bitter gale lashing their faces with swirling snow flakes in an attempt to reach the islanders of Tangier and Smith islands, isolated "ten miles out in the ice-choked bay."

The man who lost his life was Sgt. William V. Hunter. He dropped exhausted and died on an ice floe. His body rested today aboard the coast guard cutter Travis, whose crew recovered it and rescued three of those suffering from exposure in the daring relief mission.

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REFERENDUM UP FOR PENSION FUND

Attempt Begun to Prevent Diversion of Money to Oregon Relief.

SALEM, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Petitions, filed with the secretary of state yesterday, bore sufficient signatures to refer to the people the bill passed by the special legislative session diverting to relief the appropriations previously voted for old age pensions.

The special legislative measure which took away old age pension funds left the sales tax as the only medium for supplying relief to the aged. The tax bill was subsequently voted down at the special election.

The referendum will temporarily leave unimpaired the old age pension measure of the regular 1935 legislative session, which required only federal approval and appropriations by the federal government to pay pensions up to \$30 a month to those 70 years of age or older.

It was expected Governor Martin would take immediate steps to secure federal approval of the regular session enactment.

Should this regular session law not become effective, it was pointed out, then the 1933 act now in force, providing for county pensions, would continue and provide old people with at least as much as they are now getting.

The referendum petitions were circulated and filed by the Oregon Old Age Pension league with headquarters in Portland, and bore approximately 12,000 signatures, nearly 2,000 more than the law requires.

The regular 1935 law appropriated \$1,000,000 for pensions, to be matched by the counties, and the sum of the two to be matched by federal funds.

J. T. BLACK DENIES BRACE OF CHARGES

John T. Black of Myrtle Creek was arrested late yesterday on a charge of fishing without a license and carrying a concealed weapon. He entered a plea of not guilty when arraigned this morning in the justice court and furnished bail in the sum of \$50. Date for trial has not yet been fixed.

'VAG' ROUNDUP CONTINUES IN LOS ANGELES

Unwelcome Penniless and Infirm Offered Fare to Old Homes; Barrier Made Tighter.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Los Angeles relief officials aided the police department's statewide drive against migrating indigents by offering the city's "unwelcome guests" train fare back to their legal homes today.

Special squads of patrolmen rounded up vagrants, penniless families, single women, juveniles and men unable to work because of illness or infirmities.

Headquarters of the police "foreign legion"—136 officers guarding main rail and highway entrances on California's 1,000-mile long border—reported opposition at only one point to the unique patrol.

Police Sergeant Don G. Douglas at Truckee, on the Nevada line, said permission to use the California highway patrol and quarantine stations had been denied him and his men until the legal aspects had been settled. Snow and cold prevented them from carrying out their assignment.

Lieut. M. H. Tucker, in command of the northern division, reported cooperation from authorities in Modoc county, his men checking railroads since Wednesday.

Hundreds Turned Back

The so-called indigent blockade was most effective, however, on the Arizona boundary in the south. Several hundred itinerant riding box cars and hitch hikers were turned back as the police barrier tightened. One discovered carrying a blackjack and another wanted for questioning in connection with an Imperial valley slaying were turned over to sheriff's deputies.

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COMMONERS' BLOOD MAY SAVE ALFONSO

HAVANA, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The blood of three commoners flowed today through the veins of Don Alfonso de Bourbon, former crown prince of Spain, keeping alive the spark of life which has flickered low several times during the last 48 hours.

Physicians who have attended the 25-year-old Count of Covadonga disclosed that two Cuban women and a Cuban man have furnished the blood for the transfusions and injections made during the two critical days.

This blood, the physicians said, has saved the count, who still lies seriously ill in the modest apartment he shares with his commoner wife, Edelmira Sampedro, for whom he renounced his rights of succession to the one-time Spanish throne.

The physicians predicted a "happy outcome" to the count's crisis.

The patient is a sufferer from hemophilia, a condition in which the blood lacks the clot-forming qualities which normally halt the flow.

DEMO CHIEF HELD GUILTY OF LARCENY

GRANTS PASS, Feb. 8.—(AP)—A. Walker was found guilty by a circuit court jury here last night of a charge of larceny by bailment.

Walker, county democratic central committee chairman, planning board chairman, and deputy WPA safety inspector, had appeared a one-year conviction in justice court last December on a charge of converting \$10 to his own use purportedly taken from Leslie Crane for land appraisal fee.

Walker declared the money was for services already rendered and his defense counsel, Harold W. Reames of Medford, charged yesterday prosecution was motivated by political enmity between Walker and S. Sherman Smith, district attorney.

Oddities Gleaned From Day's News

Embryo Hawkshaw

HERTFORD, N. C., Feb. 8.—(AP)—Grown up police, or the doubtless comic strip detectives, couldn't have done better than Louis Sitterson. He, like the northwest mountaineer, got his man.

When the boots he had "branded" with a private mark were stolen, Louis took his flashlight and played it on the feet of all passers-by. The boots appeared, on the feet of Jesse Lee White, who already had a police record. White went to jail.

Page the New Deal

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Senator Robert R. Reynolds of North Carolina was looking up precedents today to determine if a plea of some of his constituents would be valid if made into law.

"Respectfully request you immediately introduce necessary legislation causing weather to moderate, behind with our fishing," read a telegram from home folks.

Weighty Job Done

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Sarah Jackson, 66, suffered a heart attack and it was necessary to move her to a hospital.

She weighed 350 pounds and egress through the door was impossible.

A police emergency squad knocked out a window and lowered the elderly woman three floors in a sack.

In-Law to the Rescue

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 8.—(AP)—Alvree James, soldier from the Vancouver barracks, isn't of legal age and had no parents to give consent for his marriage.

So he had the court appoint his prospective mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary Schulz, as his guardian. She gave her consent, and his daughter, Viola W. Johnson, became Mrs. James. The newlyweds are each 18 years of age.

NET FISHING BAN ON UMPQUA ASKED

Rod-Gun Club Joins North River Group in Effort to Save Salmon.

At a well attended meeting of the Roseburg Rod and Gun club last night, the club gave endorsement to a resolution submitted by the North Umpqua Sportsmen's club, urging the state fish commission to ban commercial net fishing in the Umpqua river.

The proposal has been submitted to the commission, which is reported to be engaged in a study of conditions.

It is claimed in the resolution that fish life in the Umpqua river is being depleted by commercial fishing and the commission is urged to take immediate action to relieve this danger.

The club also is requesting the planting of a million silverside salmon in the north and south tributaries of the Umpqua river. It has

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FROM THE HEADLINES

By the Deacon

"Slaughterhouse" Davison Commits Suicide

A prison guard is sometimes called to take a human life, for he is guarding dangerous men, whose rebellion is life; but, whether guard or badman, when once he's made a kill, it puts a something in his soul that demands another thrill.

The badman's hunted for his crimes and punished soon or late; but the man who kills within the law has quite another fate; he dreads the threats of dangerous men, that in prison life he knew; and, in the silence of the night, they pass him in review. And often conscience pricks a man, who sometimes grows more sensitive, when a man is getting old.

And so the man called "Slaughterhouse" by all the convict band, sped one last bullet to its mark and died by his own hand.

FRIENDLY HAND AWAITS BORAH IN THIS STATE

Oregon's Republican Heads Make Not Commitments, However, as Primary Election Nears.

(By the Associated Press)

Republican leaders of Oregon expressed friendliness today to the entrance of Senator William E. Borah into the Oregon republican presidential primary, although there were few commitments yet of support.

The veteran Idaho senator told newsmen in Washington, D. C., Friday that he was giving "serious thought" to entering the presidential primary in Oregon, as he has in Ohio.

"It is early yet to make any predictions as to the success or failure of Senator Borah's campaign until it is known what other prominent republican candidates enter the contest for Oregon delegates," said Arthur W. Pringle, Chilquin, chairman of the Oregon state republican central committee.

"Senator Borah has a strong following in Oregon among the liberal and progressive republicans. If he enters the primary fight in this state he will have active supporters in all walks of life."

"Senator Borah is particularly strong with labor. His position on agricultural problems is well known here. A spirit of western neighborliness gives his candidacy momentum in the west."

Wants All To Race

Lowell Paget of Portland, president of the Oregon republican club, urged Borah and all other republican presidential candidates to definitely enter the Oregon primary and contend for the votes of the 10 Oregon delegates to the national republican convention.

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FIRE COSTS LIVES OF 3 OF FAMILY

EDMONTON, Alta., Feb. 7.—(AP)—Caught in a fire which destroyed their home in Granada, 90 miles west of here, an eight-month-old baby was burned to death today, a three-year-old brother died on the way to a hospital and the mother, Mrs. Tony Leckowski, succumbed in a hospital here last night from burns.

Royal Canadian mounted police at Evansburg, notified of the blaze, rushed to the homestead to find the mother and three-year-old boy standing in the 50-below zero weather in their nightclothes.

An over-heated stove was believed responsible. The husband was absent in the woods at the time of the fire.

MRS. R. FORRESTER CLAIMED BY DEATH

Mrs. Robert F. Forrester, 53, died at her home here early this morning following a brief illness.

She was born January 24, 1883, at Columbia, Tenn.

Surviving are her husband and two sons and a daughter—Jessie and Ernest Forrester, Roseburg, and Marvin Forrester, Eugene. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. W. J. Foster, Roseburg, and Mrs. Oldham, Helena, Ark.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Monday at the Roseburg Undertaking company chapel, Rev. J. E. Turnbull officiating. Interment will be in the Masonic cemetery.

ROSEBURGERS' KIN OUT FOR GOVERNOR

The Rev. Benjamin C. Bubar, Baptist minister of Blaine, Maine, who has announced at that place that he will seek the republican nomination for governor of Maine, is a cousin of the Bubar brothers, Roseburg jewellers, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Bubar visited at his home for several weeks last summer while on a trip back to their former home. The Rev. Mr. Bubar, who announced he will campaign for adoption of the Townsend plan, has been active for several years in political affairs, and is now representative from his district to the state legislature.

Accused by Heiress In Operation Case



Dr. Tilton E. Tillman, above, member of the San Francisco lunacy commission, is one of three persons facing charges of mayhem in connection with the accusation of Ann Cooper Hewitt, 21, heiress, that she was subjected to a sterilization operation without her knowledge and consent. Tillman's co-defendants are Dr. S. G. Boyd and Miss Hewitt's socialite mother, the latter of whom is still being sought in the east.

TOWNSEND CENSUS BEGUN IN DOUGLAS

County Adherents of Plan Estimated 4,500; Local Rally Well Attended.

A census now being made of Townsend club members in Douglas county will reveal more than 4,500 residents of Douglas county affiliated with clubs supporting the old-age pension plan. It was announced today by Ray B. Compton, president of Roseburg Townsend Club No. 1. The enumeration has not yet been completed, but reports so far received show that the total membership is well over 4,500 persons, Mr. Compton states.

The Roseburg club has a present membership of 1,322 persons.

The local club was host last night to a large number of visitors, in addition to the regular membership, at a meeting held at the courthouse. Attendance was larger than at any meeting to be held by the Townsend organization in Roseburg, except mass meetings held in the armory.

The courthouse lacked accommodations to handle the large crowd, which overflowed into the corridors.

A short talk was made by Arthur Moore of Monmouth, district organizer, who discussed some of

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Industry Feeling Lack of Trained Men, Admits Social Security Need

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—(AP)—A serious shortage in skilled labor due to the business upturn was reported today by the nation's industrial executives.

Though hundreds of technical jobs were opening, trained men could not be found to fill them, a three-day conference of the business leaders disclosed.

The shortage was described as most acute in the automobile and machine trades, although felt by industry in general.

The situation was summed up by Alvin Root, of New York, executive vice-president of the American Management association, sponsor of the conference on personnel and industrial relations problems.

"Industry is facing a serious shortage of skilled workers," he said. "The pinch is already being felt, and will grow more acute as business continues on the upgrade."

"The situation affects not only finely skilled workers, but skilled workers and semi-skilled workers. Industry is running around trying to train men to fill these jobs, but the problem is not yet solved."

The labor shortage, discussed under several headings by the 700 executives at the conference sessions, was due largely, Dodd said, to the economic crisis that threw

TRAINS, BUS LINES TIED; PLANES QUIT

Temperatures Drop 58 Points in 24 Hours; Cold Extends to Texas Area.

Baker, 14 Below, Oregon's Coldest City; Rain and Snow Forecast for State Tonight.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Blizzards brought more sub-zero cold eastward from the Rockies today, piling northwest states deep in snow that paralyzed rail and road traffic.

Whirling along at 40 miles an hour, the cold wave sent temperatures down as far as 52 below zero.

Drifts reared high on highways from Montana to Iowa and the mercury slid as much as 58 points in 24 hours.

Train and bus schedules were suspended over South Dakota after high winds whipped down eight inches of finely driven snow. Hill City reported 52 below zero, Custer 50 below, and Rapid City 34 below, a mark that tied all records. Yankton began rationing coal and fuel oil.

A gale from the north and northwest struck Nebraska, bringing that state the worst blizzard in years. Railroad lines were blocked, except the Union Pacific main route. Automobiles were stalled, and airplanes were grounded. The

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FITTS CLEARED OF PERJURY CHARGE

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8.—(AP)—A jury verdict clearing District Attorney Burton Fitts of perjury charges marked the end today of one of the most bitter legal and political battles in Los Angeles history.

Eight women and four men jurors took only one ballot in two hours' deliberation last night to find the former lieutenant governor innocent of giving false testimony in the 1931 grand jury investigation of the Hollywood "girl bazaar" prosecution.

A motion for dismissal of similar charges against Fitts' alter-ego, Mrs. Bertha Gregory, will be heard Monday.

While the Fitts family and friends rejoiced over the verdict, George W. Rochester, foreman of the 1935 grand jury, rushed toward Special Prosecutor Clyde C. Shoenmaker and attempted to strike him.

"Let me at him—just let me have one poke at him," Rochester cried as spectators offered restraint.