

THE WEATHER

Highest temperature yesterday 54
Lowest temperature last night 45
Precipitation for 24 hours 0
Precip. since first of month .63
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1935 28.25
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1935 1.16
Partly Cloudy.

Roseburg News-Review

THE DOUGLAS COUNTY DAILY

STEPHENS STREET

Will be the bone of contention at the highway meeting in Roseburg Wednesday. What will result?—re-routing, rejection or compromise? Watch the NEWS-REVIEW for the answer.

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CITY OF ROSEBURG BACK ON CASH BASIS

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
CONTINUING today the disclosure of business transacted at the important and serious conference reported in this column Saturday.

YOU may recall that the conversations (as the diplomats so gracefully put it) dealt with such weighty subjects as sanasfras tea for thinning the blood in the spring, asafetida carried in bags suspended from the neck to ward off colds, diphtheria, dried golden spiders to prevent measles, etc.

BACK in the Mississippi valley, down toward the Mason and Dixon line (so it was asserted), there lived in that period commonly known as the "good old days" a family named Baysinger.

There were some 14 or 15 children in the family (the parents never knew just how many there were at any given time) and in the hot summers the youngsters wore no clothing at all.

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KIDNAP DEATH PENALTY WINS IN HIGH COURT

Supreme Tribunal Declines to Review Gooch Case, Based on Oklahoma Lindbergh Law.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—In the supreme court of the United States today, Arthur Gooch, southwest outlaw sentenced to death under the Lindbergh kidnap act, lost his claim that the law was unconstitutional.

The kidnap act was passed by congress shortly after the kidnapping of Charles A. Lindbergh Jr. The high tribunal declined to review the decision of the tenth circuit court of appeals March 9 which approved a death sentence imposed by an eastern Oklahoma federal district court. Gooch was found guilty of kidnaping an officer.

His lawyers said he "has been sentenced to die and the constitutionality of the act under which he must pay the extreme penalty has not been before this court."

Asserting Gooch had no funds, his lawyers asked the court to consider the case without payment of the usual fees.

"Congress has no power to make such an act a federal offense under the commerce clause of the constitution," they argued. "The state has the exclusive power to regulate vice and morality and to prescribe necessary laws for the protection of its citizens."

Gooch is in the Oklahoma penitentiary at McAlester, where he is to be hanged.

Coal Act Ruling Deferred.—The supreme court deferred today for two weeks its decision on constitutionality of the Guffey coal act.

While many in the government, congress and labor circles waited for word of the high tribunal's view of the legislation, the justices adjourned until April 27.

No decisions were handed down, but the court did announce whether it would review a number of cases appealed from lower courts.

Iowa was granted a hearing on its claim that the state's receipts tax was unconstitutional.

The court agreed today to pass upon constitutionality of another new deal pact—the municipal

CLAMATH FALLS, April 13.—(AP)—Officers today were combing the Sprague river country in search of Raymond Martin, Mexican trawler, who is accused of wounding Marie Palmer, 15, and Doster Dickens, Indian, 24, at Sprague River last night.

Dickens and Miss Palmer were leaving church when four shots were fired. The girl was hit in the arm and Dickens was shot in the side.

The injuries were not critical. Jealousy was described as the motive.

NEGRO KILLED IN BASEBALL DISPUTE.—CHICAGO, April 13.—(AP)—James Harris, 47, a negro, became the first fatality of the baseball season when he was shot to death during an argument over the respective merits of the White Sox and the Cubs.

WALLA WALLA, April 13.—(AP)—With the first Mormon crickets sighted, Walla Walla and Benton counties prepared today to battle against an invasion of the crop-destroyers from Franklin county, which has been overrun in recent years.

General Hagood Restored to Duty By Order of F. R.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—Major General Johnson Hagood was today restored to active duty in command of the sixth corps area at Chicago.

Hagood was removed from command of the eighth corps area after he had criticized WPA money as "stagnant money."

At Chicago he will replace Major General Frank R. McCoy. The assignment is effective May 2.

McCoy will be transferred to command the seventh corps area at New York, succeeding Major General Dennis E. Nolan, who is retiring.

The decision to restore Hagood to active duty was made personally by President Roosevelt after a second conference with Hagood at the White House Saturday afternoon.

OREGON CITY, Ore., April 13.—(AP)—Sheriff's deputies and volunteers searched the islands in the Clackamas river today for a trace of Clifford W. Davis, Portland patrolman, missing since his boat was swamped in a swift current late yesterday.

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PRISONERS' TRY FOR FREEDOM PROVES FUTILE

Oregon-Bound Pair Escape Sheriff on Stage Near Crescent City but Give Up Later.

CRESCENT CITY, Calif., April 13.—(AP)—Two prisoners resumed their journey from California to Oregon today—a journey punctuated by gunfire and escape.

Shackled by handcuffs, R. E. Ford, negro, and Dr. Thomas Flint Jr., in custody of Sheriff William Howell of Coquille, Ore., fled from a northbound bus early yesterday.

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Flood Control For Umpqua River Not Feasible, Report

PORTLAND, Ore., April 13.—(AP)—A report by Col. T. M. Robins, war department division engineer, said control of floods in the Umpqua river basin by storage reservoirs or diversions is not considered feasible.

The report said bank erosion is not serious and that damage mainly is confined to tidal sections of the 16,500 acres subject to overflow. Partial protection to 1,500 acres is afforded by 23 miles of low levees constructed by local interests.

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NEW DEALERS AWAIT SPEECH BY ROOSEVELT

Pre-Convention Series of Talks Will Be Launched by President Tonight at Baltimore.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—Refreshed from the campaign wars after his rest at sea, President Roosevelt made final preparations today for his speech at a democratic rally in Baltimore tonight.

New deal supporters looked to the chief executive to give further indication of the line the administration will follow in the big drive toward the November election.

From this address, which will be made before the state's young democratic clubs after an old-time torchlight procession, the party leaders are expected to take their cues for the campaign struggles.

Lawrence Fenneman, president of the Maryland young democratic organization, estimated that 25,000 persons will hear the speech at the armory, in addition to those listening in on the broadcast over a nation-wide hook at 10:30 p. m. (E.S.T.).

The talk is the first of a series of pre-convention speeches. A week from tonight the president will address the annual convention of the D. A. R. and on April 25 goes to New York to address a Jefferson day banquet of the national democratic clubs.

Before the national conventions he will go to the southwest to take part in tentacles in Texas and Arkansas, and will dedicate the George Rogers memorial at Vincennes, Ind.

Two States to Vote.—Topping political interest tomorrow are the primaries of Illinois and Nebraska.

Colonel Frank Knox, Chicago publisher, and Senator Borah of Idaho contest in Illinois in the first out-and-out struggle between candidates for the republican presidential nomination. Supporters of both predict victory.

In the democratic primary in Illinois, President Roosevelt is unopposed. He carried the state by a large majority in 1932. Political observers were watching the results with a view to comparison of the democratic vote with the Republican total. Leadership in both parties worked to get out a record vote.

Coughlin Still Active.—Other developments in the political scene included an announcement by Father Charles E. Coughlin, radio priest, that his National Union for Social Justice will hold its national convention in Cleveland, August 13-16.

The priest yesterday declared "the incumbent in congress whose records has been in harmony with the principles of social justice must be considered eligible if he is willing to complete the record by pledging to do all in his power to restore to congress the sole right and power of issuing all the

CLUE MAY CLEAR UP TITTERTON MURDER.—NEW YORK, April 13.—(AP)—Existence of a secret clue which may lead police to the slayer of Mrs. Nancy Evans Titterton was disclosed today, although officials declined to make public its nature.

It was believed, however, to be an article which the man had left behind after he strangled the 24-year-old authoress and placed her body in the bathtub of her Beckman place apartment.

With this article and a piece of cord as the only tangible clues, Assistant District Attorney William J. O'Rourke called a conference of the 50 detectives working on the case.

REGISTRATION TO CLOSE TOMORROW.—SALEM, April 13.—(AP)—All registration books in Oregon's 36 counties will close tomorrow night, April 14, until after the May 15 primary election, David O'Hara, election clerk at the secretary of state's office, announced.

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MONEY READY TO SETTLE ALL CURRENT BILLS

Treasurer Brown Calls in For Payment Last Batch of Warrants, \$14,000; Mayor Pleased.

For the first time since 1915, the city of Roseburg today went on a cash basis in payment of current bills. City Treasurer T. J. Brown this morning called for payment all outstanding city warrants, amounting to approximately \$14,000, and cash is on hand to meet current bills for at least a few months longer.

It is anticipated that the city will be forced to return to a warrant basis for a short time during the summer period, but it expects to complete the year on a cash basis, following the receipt of fall tax collections.

The city's bond indebtedness at the present time totals \$400,878.84, which is to be retired serially by annual payments covering principal and interest.

Interest Load Cut.—During the past year the city has reduced interest charges approximately \$3,500 annually, by refunding outstanding improvement bonds totalling \$94,000 at a rate reduction from 6 to 5 1/2 per cent, and refunding \$72,000 of six per cent general fund warrants by a 3 per cent bond issue.

Offsetting in value the outstanding improvement bonds, the city has title to lands valued at more than \$125,000, taken through delinquent tax foreclosures. Much of this property is expected to sell as the demand for building lots increases.

Mayor Clark Pleased.—Mayor Charles W. Clark this morning declared that he is greatly pleased by the success of the council's efforts to improve the city's financial condition.

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WIFE KILLER WALP REFUSES TO PLEAD.—SALEM, April 13.—(AP)—Harry Leroy Walp, 32, refused to plead to the indictment of first degree murder for the slaying of his estranged wife two weeks ago and District Attorney W. H. Trindle directed a plea of not guilty be entered in Judge L. H. McMahan's court here today.

The trial of Walp, whose proposed plea of guilty to second degree murder with life sentence penalty mandatory was refused by the Marion county district attorney, was set for April 27.

Paul Burris, defense attorney, said the doctor examining the prisoner for sanity had turned in conflicting reports, which indicated "reasonable doubt as to the prisoner's guilt."

FLASHES OF OREGON EVENTS.—SALEM, April 13.—(AP)—Yeggen opened two safes at the Gideon Stolz bottling works here and escaped with approximately \$500 in cash early Sunday, company officials reported to police.

SALEM, April 13.—(AP)—An automobile driven by Albert S. Uling of Woodburn, struck and seriously injured C. M. McBride, Salem automobile salesman, yesterday. Hospital attendants said McBride's condition today was critical.

MEDFORD, Ore., April 13.—(AP)—The outbreak of five cases of smallpox in Jackson county resulted in health authorities ordering vaccination of Medford school students today who have not previously been vaccinated.

ALBANY, Ore., April 13.—(AP)—Hugh H. Harris of Foster found three of his ewes dead. He watched the carcasses until a cougar appeared for a feast. One ewe had brought down the big cat for which \$30 in bounty will be paid.

LA GRANDE, Ore., April 13.—(AP)—The coming of warm weather was the signal today for the movement of sheep to rangelands. Stockmen were forced to feed sheep five months because of the unusually long winter. About 1200 ewes and 1500 lambs taken to the low hills near Tolocaset headed the parade of sheep going to rangeland.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., April 13.—(AP)—Howard Thurston, 66, the magician, died here today. He was a 32nd degree Mason, an E.K. and a member of the Klans and Lions clubs.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 13.—(AP)—Thy pheasants raised in



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FORD SAWMILL TO START ABOUT MAY 1

The Ford sawmill in North Roseburg will begin actual mill work about May 1, announces Kenneth Ford of Lebanon, owner-manager of the plant, who is completing arrangements for operations.

Installation of machinery is nearly completed, and the mill is being put in readiness for work. A small crew is working in the woods getting roads in readiness for hauling out the timber, which will be cut in the Lane mountain district. Mr. Ford plans to work two shifts at the mill after cutting starts, it is reported.

Mr. Ford is expected to return today or tomorrow to make final preparations for establishing his home in Roseburg. His family will arrive here early next week.

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