Did You Notice That Douglas County's Forest Fire Loss Thus Far This Year Is Practically Nil? Let's Keep It That Way Until the Fall Rains Set In.

THE WEATHER

Humidity 5 p. m. yesterday % 31
Highest temperature yesterday 77
Lowest temperature last night 50
Precipitation for 24 hours 0
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1935 35.18
Excess since Sept. 1, 1935 2.23
Mostly fair; warmer Wed.

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CARDS VS. GIANTS

Which will win the National league baseball pennant? They'll league baseball pennant? They're leading the pack, with the Cubs a close third. Major league baseball roundup is a daily feature of the NEWS-REVIEW service.

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REBEL AIR BOMBINGS CONTINUE IN SPAIN

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.

GOVERNOR LANDON makes his first important speech of the campaign at the village of Middlesex, in Pennsylvania, where he was born a little less than 49 years ago. Landon, you see, is a fairly young man, as Presidential candidates go.

He is several years younger than President Roosevelt, who is quite young as Presidents go.

GOVERNOR LANDON chose as his subject "The American Way of Life," and he said some things that are worth attention. For example:

"Under our American institutions, we have enjoyed more liberty and have attained a higher standard of living than ANY OTHER PEOPLE in the world."

That is true. And it is something to be proud of.

HE ADDED:

"This American way of life is being challenged. We are told that it does not meet modern requirements. Some are trying to supplant our institutions by others from abroad."

This writer, who is just one American among 125 millions, hopes fervently that these persons who are trying to change our insti-

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LINDY PLOT "FOX" MUST SERVE TERM

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Norman T. Whitaker, whose record includes a conviction as "The Fox" in the Lindbergh kidnaping extortion plot of Gaston B. Means, must serve out his three-year automobile theft sentence in Alcaraz federal prison.

Federal District Judge Michael J. Roche denied Whitaker's petition for a writ of habeas corpus, in which he contended he should be released at once.

He claimed, in the petition denied yesterday, the 10½ months he served in the jail pending an appeal from his conviction should be deducted from the sentence.

In opposing the petition, Assistant United States Attorney A. J. Zirpoli disclosed that Whitaker was convicted of conspiracy and sentenced to 18 months in the Means' case.

Whitaker, Zirpoli said, was "The Fox" introduced by Means to Mrs. Evelyn McLean, Washington, D. C., publisher, in an effort to extort money from her on a promise of return of the kidnaped Lindbergh baby.

COLORADO PRISON ESCAPE PLOT FRUSTRATED

TWO PISTOLS, AMMUNITION CONFISCATED

Kidnaping of Warden Part of Plan; Five Prisoners Put in Solitary, to Await Whipping.

CANON CITY, Colo., Aug. 25.—(AP)—Warden Roy Best said today he had frustrated a plot today of five prisoners in Colorado prison who planned to escape by kidnaping him and holding him hostage.

Best and a squad of guards confiscated two .38 automatic pistols and 100 rounds of ammunition in a new building being constructed in the prison yard. The five convicts were placed in solitary confinement.

"We received information three weeks ago that these men would attempt their escape Sunday," Best said. "We located the guns and ammunition and then watched them carefully. Three times they moved them on us, but we knew all the time where the guns and ammunition were. We were just waiting for them to start something.

"The plot was to grab me and hold me in one of the buildings as a hostage while the convicts demanded their freedom. I believe even if the plot had not been disclosed there would not have been any great property damage, such as occurred in the Colorado prison riot of 1929, but somebody might have been killed."

Eight guards and five convicts were killed in the 1929 riot.

The convicts placed in solitary confinement are:

Lemme Grose, serving a life term for murder at Pueblo in 1914.

Ray McVey, 20 years for aggravated robbery at Denver.

Charles Carlisle, life term for rape in Saguache county.

Joe Bean, 15 years for aggravated robbery at Denver.

Joe Casey, a short term for grand larceny at Boulder.

Whipping Likely

"These men are going to be in

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GIBSON JUNIORS REACH TITLE GAME

BISMARCK, N. D., Aug. 25.—(AP)—The west coast held the limelight in the sectional American Legion junior baseball tournament here today, with Los Angeles and Seattle Gibson's paired in the title game.

Los Angeles hammered its way into the finals yesterday with a 15-4 win over Omaha, while Seattle made the grade with a five-run attack in the last of the eighth to defeat Pierre, S. D., 8-3.

In first round games yesterday Omaha defeated Louisville 5-2 and Los Angeles eliminated Holdenville, Okla., 8-5.

Townsend Plan Faces California Tests

Senator Burke Quits As Demo Committeeman

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 25.—(AP)—Resignation of United States Senator Edward R. Burke of Omaha as democratic national committeeman for Nebraska was announced here today.

Senator Burke said he sent a letter to James A. Farley, national chairman, notifying him of his decision.

In his letter, Senator Burke repeated his opposition to "certain administration measures," and "some doctrines" which he considers "neither democratic nor for the best interest of the country."

"Some loyal and sincere party adherents feel it is the duty of a member of the national committee to bend every effort to bring about the election of all nominees of the party," Senator Burke wrote.

"I recognize the merit of this contention, but find myself unable to proceed along that line.

"I cannot work for the election of any candidate masquerading as a democrat, who is a democrat in name only, and who neither understands nor cares at all for the fundamental principles, adherence to which has made the democratic party such a vital force in upholding our nation."

ICKES' SON FREED IN TRAFFIC CASE

WOBURN, Mass., Aug. 25.—(AP)—Judge Arthur E. Eno of Lowell, today acquitted Robert H. Ickes, 22, foster son of Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes, of driving while under the influence of liquor.

Young Ickes, employed on a public works administration project, pleaded innocent to the charge and declared he had one bottle of beer several hours prior to his arrest the night of August 10.

Sergeant Charles Harrold, who arrested Ickes, testified he showed signs of being intoxicated after his car bumped another machine in parking.

Harrold said only after questioning Ickes about his license and registration did he smell his breath and believe he might have been drinking. Several other witnesses testified Ickes appeared sober.

Ickes' arrest brought from his foster father the charge that his foster son was the victim of unfair publicity inspired by "unfair political reasons."

Harrold, however, denied the secretary's declaration asserting the charge was merely a technical one made in all such cases.

THREE FILE FOR WATER IN DOUGLAS

Three filings for water rights from Douglas county have been made in the office of the state engineer, at Salem, according to a report from that office. They are as follows:

James T. Leonard, Anchor. One-half second foot from Manle creek, tributary of Cow creek, for irrigation in Douglas county.

Henry Harth, Roseburg, 0.375 second foot from Cow creek, tributary of South Umpqua river, for irrigation.

A. W. Wilson, Riddle, 0.226 second foot from Cow creek, for irrigation.

Amended articles of incorporation were also filed by Bell's Basket grocery, of Eugene, changing the name to Oregon Wine Industries.

LOCAL OPTION VOTE SOUGHT BY DRYS

SALEM, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Local option may be invoked with an election in November in attempt to prohibit the sale of alcoholic liquors in Marion county, it was learned here.

Petitions, backed by dry leaders of the county, were in circulation in an effort to get the question on the ballot. Signatures of 1,403 voters are required.

The state liquor act of 1933 contains legislation which deals with local option, allowing cities or counties to vote dry.

FIRING SQUAD ENDS LIVES OF 16 PLOTTERS

Quick Execution Follows Conviction of Men Who Tried to Overthrow Soviet Regime.

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MOSCOW, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Death before a firing squad ended today the careers of 16 confessed conspirators, many of them once high in the ranks of bolshevik leadership.

They had been convicted 24 hours before the death sentences were carried out secretly.

A terse statement announced the executions after the central executive committee of the soviet union declined an appeal for mercy.

It was believed the execution took place at detention prison near the foreign office in the heart of Moscow. Executions of this kind generally are believed to be carried out individually, with each prisoner shot in the back.

All had confessed their participation in the plot to which the exiled Leon Trotzky, former minister of war and one-time revolutionary zealot, was linked as leader.

Included among those who died were Leon Kameneff and Gregory Zinovieff, once members with Dictator Joseph Stalin of the triumvirate at the head of the soviet union during the illness of Nikolai Lenin.

It was Stalin who forced Kameneff and Zinovieff outside party

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LIE AGAIN HURLED AT O. A. R. P. QUIZ

CLEVELAND, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Amid shouts of "liar," hurled by one attorney at another, Dr. Francis E. Townsend's appearance on the witness stand in a receivership suit against his pension organization was cut short today by adjournment until October 27.

After postponement had been agreed upon, Lawrence A. Tucker, counsel for Dr. Townsend, proposed that Attorney Charles H. Hubbell accompany Ben F. Sacharow, attorney prosecuting the suit, in an examination of records of the Townsend movement.

Sacharow objected.

Hubbell jumped from his chair and asserted Sacharow was in the employ of R. E. Clements, resigned national secretary of the pension organization.

"And he (Sacharow) called me a 'liar' yesterday," said Hubbell.

This brought Sacharow to his feet shouting:

"And I'll call you a contemptible liar and a peddler of perjury today."

"Stop it, both of you, or I'll throw you out bodily," demanded Common Pleas Judge George Kerr.

Order was restored and the courtroom emptied. Dr. Townsend departing to return in October if called.

The gaunt, white-haired Dr. Townsend said from the witness stand he was "absolutely sure" of the success of his plan to have the government pay everybody over 60 a $200 monthly pension.

"Don't you know it is economically impossible and financial suicide?" asked Sacharow.

"Of course, I don't know it," replied Dr. Townsend sharply.

BILLY STRANG HAS BROKEN KNEE CAP

Billy Strang, former Roseburg boy who was hurt in Medford Saturday, has a fractured right knee cap and doctors may not be able to save the little finger on his right hand, according to a report received here by Mrs. Russell Linfott, a friend of the Strang family. The boy suffered an internal or head injuries, according to Mrs. Linfott.

He was hurt when his bicycle crashed into a parked car Saturday night.

CARTER GLASS FOR ROOSEVELT, HE ANNOUNCES

Virginia Senator to Back President Despite New Deal Criticism, but May Not Stump.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—(AP)—After a conference with the president, Senator Carter Glass of Virginia said today he would vote for Mr. Roosevelt next November, but was undecided whether he would speak in the campaign.

Glass, who has differed with the chief executive on some new deal policies, particularly spending, told a group of reporters that his doctors had advised him not to speak. But he added they similarly cautioned him in 1932 when he made a radio speech for the Roosevelt-Garner ticket.

The 78-year-old democratic chairman of the senate appropriations committee and one-time treasury secretary, said:

"If you want to know whether I'm going to vote for the re-election of the president, I am.

"I never had any other idea."

Asked if the president requested him to make a speech, Glass said: "He did not."

In his talk with reporters, Glass volunteered the statement that the president was "properly indignant" over published reports that attempted to make it appear that Glass was "ironical and sarcastic" in introducing Mr. Roosevelt when he spoke recently at Monticello, home of Thomas Jefferson.

The senator termed "dark nonsense" reports that Virginia might go republican.

"It may go republican in the senatorial race," he said with a smile, "inasmuch as the republicans have practically endorsed my candidacy."

He added: "Virginia is going democratic. There is some dissatisfaction, but nothing like enough of it to jeopardize the state."

Drought Tour Set

A busy round of conferences marked the president's day today prior to his departure last tonight for a 12-day inspection trip of the

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CARRIER PIGEON FOUND AT ILLAHEE

A young carrier pigeon with a leg band bearing the inscription "4111225 BELG 35" was reported found by Roy Foster on his place near Illahee, 55 miles east of here, in a telephone message from the Glide ranger station of the forest service. According to advices, the bird evidently had been hit by a hawk.

FROM HEADLINES

By Deacon Richmond

"Ownership Seen Found for $3,500"

In the matter of the money that a good caretaker found, there are some things look quite funny; they don't have a healthy sound. When they tell about a lady, who has made the owner's claim, it sounds a trifle shady that they do not tell her name. They may say they've checked her story and it seems to be correct, but it seems that their own story has some need of being checked.

There are folks who make a living by another's gullibility, while you'd almost think they're giving, by their excess of civility. The sum is rather sizable and might be some temptation, and so it seems advisable to use consideration.

The janitor showed his honesty by turning in the money, but the claimant's seeming modesty is a thing that's rather funny; the story of the manager, who has the bills impounded, should satisfy the janitor that it in truth is founded; for though the rightful owner should have the money back, it would be an awful boner, if some other got the "jack."

BACKERS SEEK NOMINATIONS FOR CONGRESS

Success in at Least 13 of 20 Districts Forecast as Voters Decide Primary Races.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25.—(AP)—The Townsend old age pension movement meets a test of ballots in the state of its origin today as California nominates party candidates for congress at a primary election.

Townsend-endorsed candidates are seeking nominations in the 20 congressional districts, with E. J. Margett, state manager for the pension organization, predicting victories in at least 13.

The endorsements cut across party lines and in some instances fail to incumbents who, observers consider, are certain of nomination because of strong backing by their regular political organizations.

This is true of Richard J. Welch of the fifth (San Francisco) district, who is unopposed for his own (republican) as well as democratic and progressive nominations.

Because of this situation, observers look to the contest in the third district for the outstanding Townsend test. Sheridan Downey, attorney for Dr. Francis E. Townsend, founder of the movement, is running for the democratic nomination against Representative Frank H. Buck, an avowed opponent of the pension plan.

McGroarty in Field

The Townsend choice in the 11th district, where Representative John S. McGroarty is seeking the democratic renomination, is a republican, A. I. Stewart. McGroarty broke with the pension organization after introducing the original Townsend bill in congress.

Representative John H. Hoeppel,

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ILLNESS OF DERN TAKES GRAVE TURN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Alarm over the condition of the secretary of war, George H. Dern, was expressed today in official Washington after army doctors reported a setback in his fight to recover from a heart complication.

At the White House it was revealed that an almost constant check was being kept upon the cabinet officer's condition with Walter Reed hospital, where he has been confined for more than a month after an unsatisfactory recovery from an influenza attack.

Close friends of Dern made known that most of the members of his family were gathered in Washington.

Attending physicians, headed by the army surgeon-general, reported that the war secretary passed his second successive unsatisfactory night last night and they described his condition as somewhat alarming.

The 64-year-old war secretary was stricken with influenza last spring while making an inspection trip by boat of the southern intracoastal waterway.

KIN OF LOCAL MAN DIES AFTER SWIN

PORTLAND, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Leslie W. Welman, 49, Portland, fell into the icy waters of the Deschutes river Sunday while fishing near Sherar's bridge, south of The Dalles. His nephew, Homer J. Johnson, saved him with the aid of a fish pole but 10 minutes later Welman complained of difficulty in breathing and collapsed, dying, a victim apparently of heart trouble.

Leslie Welman was a brother of Glenn Welman, Roseburg resident, and field agent for the Douglas County Flour mills. Leslie is also survived by his wife, two sisters, Irene and Clara, and three other brothers, Huston, Fred and Donald.

The funeral was held in Portland this afternoon.

Youths Battle Sharks, Escape, Bring One In

FRISCO, N. C., Aug. 25.—(AP)—Two 12-year-old boys related a tale today of how they battled a school of maddened sharks from a rowboat, bagged one, escaped, and displayed the big fish to prove their story.

The boys, James Mitchell-Hedges, son of F. A. Mitchell-Hedges, an explorer and big game fisherman, and Raymond McHenry set out in the shallow waters of Pamlico sound off Hatteras island towing a rowboat. They waded out to a net they had set about 100 yards off-shore in waist-deep water.

While taking small fish from the net one boy spied a triangular fin cutting through the water toward them. They hopped into the boat just as the shark swished by, the youths said.

They said the fish swam around the tiny craft, lashing up spray with its tail. It smashed the bow of the boat and tore the beading off the sides. The shark left, but soon came back with 10 others which swam around and around the boat so closely, the boys said, they could have struck them with the oars.

One shark finally became enmeshed in the net.

Quickly the boys loosed the net from its mooring and rowed for shore, towing the imprisoned shark. They said the other sharks followed to within a few feet of shore.

The captured fish measured 11 feet and weighed approximately 700 founds. The jaws were four feet, seven inches in circumference.

PROPAGANDA PERIL RAPPED BY LANDON

Freedom of Education and Publicity Agencies Are Urged by Candidate.

RIPLEY, N. Y., Aug. 25.—(AP)—Gov. Alf M. Landon moved deeper into New York today for conferences on presidential campaign strategy after declaring that "widespread use of the machinery of the federal government to maintain the present administration in power" created a propaganda danger.

The republican nominee, who in a speech at Chautauqua last night called for freedom of education, press and radio, turned toward Buffalo to discuss with party leaders plans to win New York's 47 electoral votes.

He will deliver the third and final formal address of his eastern trip there tomorrow night.

Kansas Idea Cited

Governor Landon prefaced his speech in the Chautauqua amphitheater—where three other presidential aspirants have appeared this month—with the statements:

"In Kansas we believe that our schools—public, parochial and private—must be kept free of all control by the federal government.

"In Kansas we insist that no teacher should be required to take

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PRUNE HARVESTING PRICES TO BE SET

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Growers of Douglas county will meet Saturday at the city hall to discuss prices that shall be standard for workers for the prune harvest season here, according to an announcement. All growers are urged to be present, in order that a fair and desired standard price may be set.

MAJOR CLASH IMPENDING IN NORTH SECTOR

Loyalists Repulse Foe in Terrain Near Madrid; Former Confessor of King Seized.

By ELMER W. PETERSON
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HENDAYE, France, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Repeated rebel air bombings and steady reinforcements were believed today to foreshadow a major insurgent offensive on the northern front of the civil war.

It appeared one of the most desperate battles of the conflict was brewing at Dyarzun, between San Sebastian and Irun, where 600 rebel foreign legionnaires faced nearly 1,000 Asturian miners supporting the government.

Rebel war planes bombed Irun for the third consecutive day but caused little apparent damage.

The rebel warship Canarias, after bombarding San Sebastian, steamed up the Bay of Biscay coast and engaged in a two-hour artillery duel with Fort Guadalupe.

MADRID, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Premier Jose Giral Pereira said today he was "absolutely convinced" the bombs which rebels dropped on Getafe airport Sunday were "of foreign manufacture."

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POLAND FREES U. S. SOCIETY LEADER

WARSAW, Poland, Aug. 25.—(AP)—The Polish government tonight informed the United States embassy that Mrs. Frederick Atkinson of Minneapolis, Minn., society figure, would be released from jail and charges of currency irregularities would be dropped. She has been in jail at Ostrow for two days.

The embassy learned Mrs. Atkinson was held only for technical violations of the Polish laws governing exportation of currency.

A bank draft she carried with her, it was asserted, was cause of her detention. Presumably it was held in violation of stringent Polish customs regulations.

(The Polish government sought to restrict foreign exchange dealings by decree last April. Exportation of money was prohibited.

(Recently, the government announced it would refund dollars confiscated from American travelers under the regulations.)

Mrs. Atkinson is the wife of Frederick G. Atkinson, Minneapolis milling executive. For years she has been identified with educational work in Minneapolis and throughout the nation.

Advised of her detention, Atkinson appealed to the state department at Washington for an investigation.

She is a former president of the Wellesley College Women's club. She is now president of the Minnesota Birth Control league and a national vice-president of the American Birth Control league.

Mrs. Atkinson was on an automobile tour of Europe, which included attendance at the international conference of the Association of University Women at Krakow this week.

FLASHES OF OREGON EVENTS

Oregon Caves Sued

PORTLAND, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Walter L. Small, a California resident, filed suit for $10,000 damages in federal court here yesterday against the Oregon Caves resort.

Small alleged he sustained a blow on the head, wrenched muscles, severe shock, and bruises when he fell into a 10-foot hole in the Oregon Caves.

Vacation-to-Jail

PORTLAND, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Barney Pearlman, dean of Portland's defunct cocktail college, returned from a vacation trip to Alaska yesterday and registered for a six-months term at the county jail.

The state supreme court recently upheld Pearlman's conviction on a liquor-selling count. He claimed he had been conducting a course in mixing drinks.

Flax Projects Aided

PORTLAND, Aug. 25.—(AP)—The flax committee of the Portland chamber of commerce presented a check for $6,250 Monday to representatives of the Eugene, Canby and Mount Angel plants. The money was contributed by business men interested in developing the industry.

The chamber hopes to raise $15,000 ultimately. The three plants are WPA projects, each receiving $20,000 in federal funds.

Must Boil Water

SILVERTON, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Silverton residents received orders to boil drinking water after a report showed the city water to rate B grading instead of A. Public drinking fountains were closed.

The report of August 1 showed an A condition.

Bad News for Coyotes

KLAMATH FALLS, Aug. 25.—(AP)—County Agent C. A. Henderson has received virtual assurance that the U. S. biological survey will place a predatory animal hunter on the upper northwest side of Klamath lake.

Coyotes have caused heavy losses of ducks, geese, sheep and lambs.

Cigarette Blamed

MEDFORD, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Quick work on the part of the state fire patrol saved several ranches near here from destruction by a forest fire, reported by state forest fire officials to have been started by a cigarette.

The blaze, on Blackwell hill between Gold Hill and Medford, burned 290 acres before it was put under control.

Roseburg Second in Retail Sales Per Capita of Cities in Oregon

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—(AP)—The commerce department has issued a 1936 market data handbook showing retail sales in Oregon during 1933 amounted to $235 per capita, compared with $204 for the nation as a whole.

In a breakdown of the total retail sales the compilation showed the per capitas and retail volumes by counties, included: Douglas, $185 and $4,054,000.

McMinnville topped the list of the larger cities in retail sales per capita. The figure was $588, with a volume of $1,716,000. Second was Roseburg, $563 and $2,455,000.

The handbook, the department said, represented the first federal compilation of its kind ever made. Although the survey covered 1933 business, virtually the same ratios exist in the state today, the department said.

Retail sales in Oregon in 1933 totaled $224,447,000, and wholesale sales, $262,146,000.

Cities and town with populations in excess of 2,500 accounted for $178,998,000 of the retail volume, or $265 per capita. The remainder, $45,449,000, represented a per capita expenditure of $98.

The figures were based on a 1930 population of 953,786, of which 489,746 was in cities with populations of 2,500 or more.

In addition, receipts of service, amusement and hotel businesses totaled $22,546,000, cities of 2,500 population or more accounted for $19,597,000 of the aggregate.

The report listed 1934 postal receipts at $4,507,000; tax returns on 1933 income numbered 28,494, or an average of 29.4 per 1,000 population.