

THE WEATHER

Highest temperature yesterday 47
Lowest temperature last night 37
Precipitation for 24 hours .01
Precip. since first of month .78
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1935 2.99
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1934 2.93
Considerable Rain.

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VERDICT

There may be one by tomorrow in Gora's suit for compensation from Jackson county over the O. & C. tax refund bill. The NEWS-REVIEW will be first with the verdict news here.

WRECKED NORTHWEST PLANE DISCOVERED

SAN SALVADOR QUAKE LEVELS SAN VICENTE; 200 KILLED

VILLAGES NEAR STRICKEN CITY ALSO SUFFER

Horror Grows as Volcano Spews Lava; Death Toll May Increase With Later Reports.

(By the Associated Press) SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Officials expressed fears today of a mounting death toll in the devastating earthquake which razed almost all San Vicente and killed at least 200 persons over the week-end.

Persons arriving in San Salvador from the stricken provincial capital told stories of wholesale ruin, shattered buildings and homes, and of rescuers digging out some 200 bodies in the first few hours after the quake.

How high the deaths would reach no one would estimate, but government officials dispatched all relief available to the area.

Telephone and telegraph lines were ripped down by the quakes and information could be had only from those who fled inland from the scene.

The quake, which first struck the sleeping city of San Vicente Saturday night, crashed in buildings and shook the earth in villages nearby, eyewitnesses said.

Refugees, with their families and household belongings fled along rural roads trying to reach safety from the ever increasing volcano Santa Rita, southeast of San Vicente which some refugees said was erupting.

Epidemics feared Adding to the fears of molen lava pouring from the volcano over the wrecked city was the specter of epidemics. Much of San Vicente's supply of drinking water was poisoned by sulphur apparatus.

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FASCIST ARTILLERY SHELLING MADRID

MADRID, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Insurgent artillery batteries opened fresh bombardment of Madrid today, four shrapnel shells falling in the center of the capital.

One fascist shell struck near the telephone building, Spain's tallest commercial structure.

Socialist troops moved into strong positions in the western suburban sectors, consolidating a hotly fought victory on the fascist left flank.

The Spanish defenders strengthened their lines for 12 miles along the strategic El Escorial highway to the snow-capped Guadarrama mountains.

The fascists were repulsed with heavy losses in two charges, launched simultaneously against the northwestern front line of defense, the government reported.

Thrust Into Shadow of the Gallows



John (left) and Coko Brites, brothers, face the mandatory death penalty as the result of their first degree murder conviction at Yreka, Calif.

Brites Convicted in First Degree

Counsel to Continue Fight in Effort to Keep Pair From Gallows.

YREKA, Calif., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Counsel for John and Coko Brites, condemned to death by a jury for killing three men at Horse creek, today prepared to carry the case to the state supreme court.

Horace Frye, Sacramento attorney, said he will move for a new trial as the first step towards appeal when the mountain brothers appear before Superior Judge Luttrell for sentence tomorrow.

The jury, in a Saturday night verdict, convicted the Brites of murdering Deputy Sheriff Martin Lange, Constable Joseph Clark and Fred Seaborn, vacationer, August 20. The first degree murder conviction, without recommendation, made the death penalty mandatory.

Frye indicated the basis of his appeal will be the contention that the Brites, who claimed they were attacked and resisted in self-defense, did not obtain a fair trial.

The attorney contended lynching threats, heard openly before the Brites surrendered at their mountain hideout to District Attorney James Davis, indicated bias on the part of the jury.

Lange, Clark and Seaborn were killed while attempting to arrest the Brites on an assault warrant sworn to by Charles Baker, a mountain neighbor.

ALBERT C. WILSON OF YONCALLA DIES

Albert C. Wilson, 71, a resident of Douglas county for almost a lifetime and lately of Yoncalla, died in Salem, Saturday after a long illness. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Luella Rinehart, Yakima, Wash., and Mrs. Hattie Cole, Grants Pass, Ore. The body has been brought to the Douglas Funeral home and services will be held in the Yoncalla cemetery at 10 a. m., Wednesday.

FIVE CHILDREN SEE AUTO KILL FATHER

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 21.—(AP)—William Morse, 56, of Maupin, died almost instantly after he was struck down by a passing car when he stopped to wipe frost from the windshield of his auto Saturday night. The accident occurred on The Dalles-California highway about 25 miles north of here.

Morse's five children, en route with their father to California for Christmas, witnessed the accident.

of Hayden mountain the other day, a crew of Weyerhaeuser men sawed the top from a large fir. The gash of the saw exposed a fault, presumably made by fire, and tracing this fault to arrive at a guess as to its age, they found a cavity made by rotting wood, and in this cavity was a bird's nest and seven eggs.

The fire had scarred the side of the tree, and in this scar the wood rotted and left a hole. In this hole, the bird built her nest and laid her eggs. But something evidently happened to the little bird bride. Either she lost her life in one of the innumerable tragedies of the forest, or became frightened away.

AT ANY rate, the eggs remained in the nest, and the hole was closed over by the growth of the tree. The Weyerhaeuser men, judging by the rings in the wood, estimated that all this happened at least a hundred years ago.

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LOWERING OF AID AGE LIMIT DISAPPROVED

Necessary Additional Tax Shouldn't Be Thrust on Counties, Meeting Here Declares.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Officers of the retirement compensation league, organized in November, said today a measure calling for reduction of the old-age assistance limit from 70 to 65 years would be presented to the state legislature.

The league's program also contemplates removing all pension burden from the counties and exempting from taxation the first \$750 valuation on homes and farms occupied by their owners.

Action to reduce the age limit for eligibility to old age assistance should be withheld until some plan is devised to raise the additional funds required by some means other than direct taxation, representatives of southern Oregon counties declared here Saturday.

Meeting in a district conference, county court officers and legislators from Jackson, Josephine, Douglas and Coos counties authorized a resolution, directed to the state legislature and expressing their views on the age limitation matter.

It was contended that existing requirements for old age assistance already impose an oppressive burden on taxpayers. A lowering of the age limitation, to meet provisions of the federal social security act, it was held, should be accompanied by some plan which would raise the additional funds by some means other than taxes to be levied upon counties and collected by them.

The present age limit for assistance eligibility in Oregon is 70. That of the federal security act is 65.

Ask Levy Limit Removal The group also recommended an amendment to the state market.

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POPE TO BROADCAST DESPITE ORDERS

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Pope Pius announced his intention today of broadcasting a Christmas message to the world Thursday to "prove we are still alive."

The broadcast will be made at 12:30 p. m. (6:30 a. m., E. S. T.) through a microphone set up in the pope's study adjoining his bedroom where he has been confined with circulatory congestion and fever.

His actions were contrary to medical orders for absolute quiet after the pontiff suffered a fainting spell as he lay in bed yesterday.

BOY FINDS PISTOL AND KILLS HIMSELF

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Three-year-old Richard Young of Straggie River, who toyed with a loaded pistol, died yesterday from a bullet wound in his abdomen.

The youngest child had been left by his mother at a friend's house. Playing alone in a bedroom, he found the pistol, cocked it, held it against his stomach and fired.

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Mrs. Edna Mae Potter, Los Angeles housewife, added 103 pounds to her weight at a single meal, but she won the county chicken eating championship by doing it.

Using a two-handed, harmonica-style technique, Mrs. Potter out-eaten four men contestants.

"Really, it was nothing," she declared as she laid down the last of 29 drumsticks from 19 three-pound roasters.

Her husband, Claude A. Potter, is manager of the show which sponsored the contest.

FORTUNE FOUND IN HOVEL OF RECLUSE

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 21.—(AP)—County health officers brought Valentine Bernhard from his hovel near Chiloquin to a Klamath Falls hospital last week. Emaciated, irrational, Bernhard died last night.

In his clothing and hidden about the hut, the health officers found more than \$15,000 in cash, gold certificates and bank deposit slips.

VALUATION OF PROPERTY IN OREGON DROPS

Decrease of 35 Million Is Contributed Chiefly by Utilities and County Totals Generally.

SALEM, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The assessed valuation of Oregon property for 1936 showed a decrease of \$55,000,000 as compared to the valuations set by the county boards and state tax commission a year ago, tabulations released here today the commission revealed.

But while county valuations as a whole and utility valuations showed material drops, an increase was noted in farm property and equipment, in general merchandise, in household goods, livestock, and engines and machinery during the past year.

Property valuations of public utilities, exclusive of titles and railroads, were set at \$756,384,750 compared to \$761,129,734 in 1935.

Utility valuations, established by the state tax commission, were given at \$273,269,382 as compared to \$283,733,287 in 1935. The valuations were set for tax levying purposes.

Alphabetically, with valuations of \$120,000, were listed for the first time this year.

Other utility valuations for 1936 compared with those in 1935 follow: Electric companies, 1936 valuation \$92,601,189.95; 1935 valuation \$83,288,372.20.

Electric and street railway companies, 1936 valuation \$5,059,168; 1935 valuation \$5,185,109.60.

Gas companies, 1936 valuation \$2,834,129.85; 1935 valuation \$2,851,327.70.

Steam railroad companies, motor station and depot, 1936 valuation \$2,370,116.47; 1935 valuation \$2,233,000.80.

Telephone companies, 1936 valuation \$30,422,799.10; 1935 valuation \$29,422,799.10.

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FOUR CONVICTED IN "GIFT" BABY CASE

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Mrs. Nellie Tipton Muench, 44-year-old former society matron and sister of a state supreme court judge, and three others convicted with her in another episode of Missouri's "gift of God" baby scandal, pleaded their hopes today on an appeal to escape possible 25-year prison sentences.

With little show of emotion, the glamorous big figure in five sensational trials within the past 14 months said sharply, "If the worst comes to the worst, I can take it."

Mrs. Muench, her husband, Dr. Ludwig O. Muench, Wilfred Jones, an attorney, and Mrs. Helen Berger, a friend, were found guilty of mail fraud by a federal court here Sunday. The government charged they used the mails in an effort to extort unspecified sums of money from Dr. Marsh Pitzman, wealthy bachelor physician, by duping him into believing he was the father of a child Mrs. Muench claimed she had born.

The defendants face maximum penalties of five years in prison and fines of \$1,000 on each of five counts. Federal Judge George H. Moore gave them until midweek to file a motion for a new trial.

PEACE DRAFT TENDERED IN DOCK STRIKE

First Formal Offer Comes From Union of Sailors; Hiring Issue Still Hard Obstacle.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Representatives of sailors and offshore ship operators today offered a tentatively approved agreement as the hoped-for key to peace in the Pacific coast curtilage strike.

The proposed settlement for the sailors is the first formally presented to any of the seven striking unions since they walked out 53 days ago.

Both Harry Lundberg, head of the Sailors Union of the Pacific, and Thomas G. Hunt, of the ship-owners' committee, expressed hopes the barriers to full settlement of the strike were finally broken.

"The sailors want to show the other unions the way home," said Lundberg, as he prepared to seek membership approval—possibly at regular meetings at the various ports tonight.

Plant informed the settlement plan, also intimated by T. B. Wilson of the Alaska operators, is already assured full support by offshore shippers when he said:

"It is our earnest hope that this tentative agreement will be acceptable to the members of the Sailors Union of the Pacific, and that it will pave the way for a final settlement of the entire waterfront controversy."

Hogan Issue Sticks Assistant Secretary of Labor Edward F. Murgado continued efforts at what he termed "the toughest nut to crack"—the demand of docked officers for hiring preference by union members. This issue has blocked previous negotiations both the offshore and coastwise shippers.

Plant made no reference to the dock officers in his announcement but held out hope of another peace pact in a prospective agreement with the Marine Engineers, Officers, Waterhandlers and Wipers association.

None of those involved in the peace efforts would predict when

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SKATING ACCIDENT KILLS DILLARD BOY

Head injuries suffered in a fall while skating a week ago resulted in the death at Mercy hospital here, late Saturday, of James Robert Claster, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Claster of Dillard, born in Portland, Dec. 2, 1920, he had been a resident of Douglas county for 15 years, and was a sophomore in Roseburg senior high school.

Surviving besides the parents, are two sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Albert Bailey, West Fir, Oregon; Mrs. Ewery Thrush, Camas Valley; Daniel R. Claster, Seaside, Oregon; and Jack E. Claster, Dillard.

Services will be held in the chapel of the Douglas Funeral home at 10 a. m., Tuesday, Rev. John P. White of Dillard officiating. Interment will be in the Williams Creek cemetery.

Advent of Winter Bears Promise Of Over-Due Rains

After the autumn season outdid itself in providing record warm, dry weather, winter started today with a prospect of making up for delayed rainfall. The solstice, marking the shortest day of the year, occurred at 4:40 p. m. today, the official time for the beginning of the winter season, according to D. P. Marting in charge of the local office of the U. S. weather bureau.

Indications the weather bureau reports, that the recent spell has been broken, and that considerable amount of rain is in sight for the next few days.

Death Summons S. Dakota Senator



Peter Norbeck, above, United States senator and first native-born governor of South Dakota, who died Sunday at the age of 66.

SENATOR NORBECK OF S. DAKOTA DIES

Business Career Begun as Well Driller; State Now in Political Mess.

REDFIELD, S. D., Dec. 21.—(AP)—The death of United States Senator Peter Norbeck, 66, who rose from penniless youth to become the first native-born governor and senator of his state, intensified political complications in South Dakota today.

The republican senator died at his home here yesterday of a heart disease complicated by a cancerous condition of the tongue and jaw.

Prominently mentioned as a possible successor was Governor Thomas Berry, democrat, who will retire from office in two weeks.

Governor Berry, asked whether he planned to resign from office and have himself appointed to fill Senator Norbeck's unexpired term, declined to comment.

Lieut. Gov. Robert Peterson, democrat, who would become governor if Berry resigned, was himself ready to resign today. He was arrested Saturday on an embezzlement charge, and federal deposit insurance officials said there was a \$17,000 shortage in the First National bank of Centerville, of which he was president. His attorney said Peterson's resignation would be handed to the state legislature at a special session today.

Leslie Jensen, republican, who

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J. H. HOGAN SELLS CIGAR STORE HERE

J. H. Hogan has sold his cigar store on Cass street to his son, Herbert Hogan, of Oakland, Ore., and will re-enter the Southern Pacific service as a passenger train brakeman. For an indefinite time, the store will be managed by the purchaser's uncle, W. S. Hogan, who sold his stock ranch at Red Hill, near Yoncalla, last September.

FLASHES OF OREGON EVENTS

Bandon Fire Loss Fixed

COQUILLE, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—The Coos County Firemen's association estimated the loss in the fire which destroyed Bandon Sept. 26 at \$1,500,000. The association's report listed nine fires in Bandon since that date most of them in tents, with a loss of \$250.

5 Years for Homicide

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Judge Wilson of The Dalles sentenced Elmer Johnson, 37, to five years in the state penitentiary and ordered him to pay a \$100 fine. A circuit court jury convicted him of manslaughter in the death of William H. White, a truck driver, but recommended leniency. White died after a street fight.

To Teach at Linfield

McMENVILLE, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Dr. J. R. Branton, professor of Greek at the University of Oklahoma, will become professor of Bible and religious education at Linfield college Feb. 1. He will succeed Dr. Raymond E. Culver, who resigned to take the presidency of Francis Shimer college in Illinois.

Schramm Buys Into Bank

CORVALLIS, Dec. 21.—(AP)—A. A. Schramm, former state superintendent of banks, purchased a part interest and became active vice-president of the First National bank of Corvallis, firm officials announced.

Schramm formerly was cashier of the Corvallis State bank, now merged with the First National.

LIVERMORE, HAID FEARED DEAD IN SHIP

Twisted Wreckage Of Transport Found In Idaho Area South Of Wallace.

Hunt for Lost Western Air Express Plane in Utah Still Futile; \$1,000 Reward Offered.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 21.—(AP)—The twisted wreckage of the huge Northwest Airlines' transport plane, which disappeared into the darkness of north Idaho last Friday morning, was found today on Cemetery ridge south of Wallace, Idaho, in mountainous country.

Lieut. Byron Cooper, Washington national guard pilot who found the ship, said it was not possible that either Pilot Joseph Livermore or Co-pilot Arthur A. Hald, the ship's only occupants, were alive.

The big Lockheed Electra, twin-engine plane must have crashed into the mountain side at terrific speed. The two metal wings were about 200 feet below the fuselage, which was in a clearing.

A. R. Monahan, Northwest Airlines division superintendent at Spokane, went to Kelso, Idaho, immediately to organize a rescue party, which must go on snowshoes into the mountainous and isolated country. By mid-afternoon, it was believed, the party can reach the ship.

From reports received from forest workers and others, it is believed the plane, carrying mail from St. Paul to Spokane, crashed

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JOHN S. BEALS OF CANYONVILLE DIES

John Samuel Beals, 77, well known resident of Canyonville, died at his home Saturday after a short illness. He was born in Leavenworth, Ind., Aug. 10, 1859, and for the past fourteen years has been a resident of Canyonville. He was a resident of Douglas county for the past 41 years. He was married in Leavenworth to Miss Etta Azalea Boso, who survives him. He also leaves the following sons and daughters: Mrs. Clara Weaver, Day Creek, Mrs. Stella Tuttle, San Jose, Calif.; Mrs. Frona Miller, Marshfield; Mrs. Elsie Shields, Wolf Creek, Ore.; Mrs. Lydia Moore and Mrs. Gladys Cain, Canyonville; Archie Beals, Montana; Kelsey Beals, Oroville, Calif.; Carl, Clifton and Luke Beals, Canyonville. Services will be held in the Masonic cemetery at Canyonville, Tuesday at 2 p. m. Miss Woolley officiating. Arrangements are in charge of the Douglas Funeral home.

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By the Way - 3 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT - MISTLETOE AND HOLLY WREATHS - BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS - 1936 HOLIDAY GREETINGS