

THE WEATHER

Highest temperature yesterday 42
Lowest temperature last night 25
Precipitation for 24 hours .02
Precip. since first of month 2.90
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1936 12.53
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1936 8.09
Probably some rain or snow.

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TAXES

The state legislature will probably act this week on several pending tax bills. Everybody's pocketbook is affected directly or indirectly. NEWS-REVIEW wire reports will keep you advised.

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AUTO STRIKE CONFERENCE NEARS COLLAPSE

COURT PLAN FOES LINE UP FOR STRUGGLE

Hiram Johnson Joins Borah and Others in Attempt to Kill Roosevelt's New Program.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Senator Hiram Johnson of California today took a leading position in the battle to defeat President Roosevelt's court reorganization program.

In a formal statement, Johnson said: "The issue, stripped of its verbiage, seems to me plain: Shall the congress make the supreme court subservient to the president?"

He thus allied himself with Senator Borah (Idaho) and others who are preparing to take the president's program to the nation. Johnson is one of the little band of republicans who supported Roosevelt for the presidency in 1932. He did not, however, take any part in the president's reelection campaign.

The Californian issued his statement just before Chairman Ashurst (D-Ariz.) and Sumners (D-Tex.) of the senate and house judiciary committees went to the white house for a conference with the president to discuss the court reorganization proposals.

"The implications of this are so grave and far-reaching," Johnson said, "I can do but one thing, and that is, to the limit of my capacity, oppose this extraordinary legislation."

F. R.'s Purpose Seen. High officials interpreted submission of the question to congress at this time as due to a desire on the part of the president to achieve what he described as judicial reform before recommending legislation on wages and hours and farm production control.

These authorities argued that it (Continued on page 6)

Notables Pass On



Death Sunday claimed two former leaders in American political life. They were Elihu Root (top), 91, secretary of war in President McKinley's cabinet and ex-retary of state under President Theodore Roosevelt, and Charles R. Crisp (lower), 68, former Georgia congressman and member of the tariff commission under President Hoover.

CREATION OF STATE MINING BUREAU ASKED

Martin Makes Request of Legislature; Saturday Office Closing Bill Affects Douglas.

By CLAYTON V. BERNHARD SALEM, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Urging favorable consideration of the administration measure to create a state department of mining, Governor Martin addressed his first message on a specific proposal to the legislature today as the assembly started its fifth week.

The measure, which would appropriate \$50,000 for the bureau, has been reported out favorably by the house committee on mining but was referred to the ways and means committee since it carried an appropriation. The governor indicated other messages would follow.

In his message Governor Martin stressed the need of an accurate determination of the mineral resources available to chemical and metallurgical plants in the area to be supplied with electrical power from Bonneville dam, in order that manufacturing enterprise using large blocks of power may be encouraged to locate here.

This, said the message, "was essential to keep down the rates charged generally for Bonneville power."

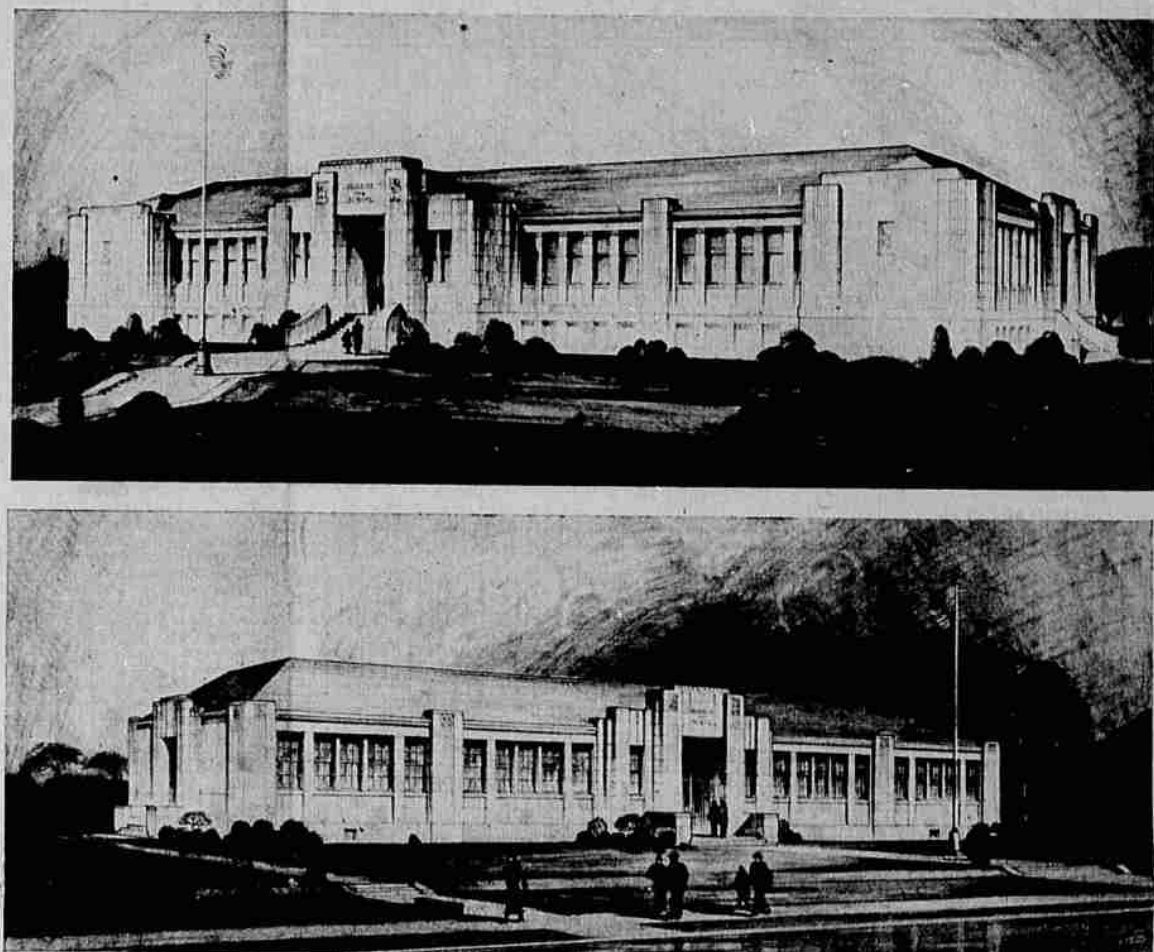
Colonel Thomas M. Robins, war department engineer in charge (at Bonneville), represented to me that to attract these plants it was necessary that a survey of Oregon minerals be made in order that prospective manufacturers would know what raw materials we have to offer.

"On April 9, 1936, I appealed to the president direct for an allotment for this research and was gratified when, complying with my request, he assigned \$50,000 with which Colonel Robins is now making a survey of minerals available for reduction by Bonneville power.

"I feel, however, that the proposals are so promising that the state itself should make this a statewide research for minerals and should encourage in every way the development of the mining industry."

For Earlier Closing A bill closing county offices in (Continued on page 6)

Proposed New Roseburg School Buildings, Subject to Bond Authorization



Pictured above are the proposed Rose and Fullerton school buildings as they will be constructed if a bond issue, to be passed upon by taxpayers of the Roseburg district at a special election Feb. 15, is approved and expected cooperation is secured from the PWA. The pictures, which are sketches by J. E. Tourtelotte, architect, show the Rose school (top) which would be reconstructed by razing the upper floors of the present building, and building additions on the north and south sides of the first floor. The Fullerton school (lower) would be a new structure to replace the present wooden building, and would be built on the senior high school grounds adjoining Harvard avenue, a site originally proposed for a grade school when that property was acquired.

LEWIS, GREEN, LABOR CHIEFS, KEEP AT ODDS

Recognition of Privilege of Collective Bargaining Principal Point of Disagreement.

(By the Associated Press) DETROIT, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Two hours after they entered for another effort to reach a settlement of the far-reaching General Motors strike, representatives of both the corporation and the United Automobile Workers were still in separate group meetings today.

One development was the disclosure in an informed source that requests by wires from William Green, American Federation of Labor head, for recognition as a party at interest in the conference had brought a threat from John L. Lewis, committee for industrial organization leader, to immediately walk out of the meetings. The A. F. of L. has suspended C. I. O. unions.

Green, it was learned, telephoned Governor Frank Murphy Saturday and sent him a telegram Sunday. Murphy did not disclose his response, but it was indicated Green's request had been rejected.

Break-Down Expected The expectation was general today that the conferences here would break down on the question of collective bargaining recognition.

As the conference started their second week of conversations the union still was demanding the right to represent workers in 20 plants of the corporation; General Motors still was refusing to concede an inch from its position that it could not agree to anything more than proportional representation—the right of the union to speak for its own membership only.

The impression grew that the meetings would be adjourned in (Continued on page 6)

BRANCH BANK HERE PLANS REMODELING

Plans for a \$25,000 improvement project for the home of the Roseburg branch of the United States National bank of Portland are being drawn by the architects, A. E. Doyle & Associate, according to E. S. McClain, branch manager.

Construction work will be started just as soon as bids can be obtained after final approval of the plans, he said.

The bank building interior will be completely remodeled and new fixtures and vaults installed, both safe deposit and coin vaults. The lobby will be enlarged to provide a space 50 by 38 feet. "The improvements to be carried out here will give Roseburg one of the most attractive banking homes in the Pacific northwest," said Mr. McClain.

While construction work is under way the bank will occupy space which has been leased in the I. O. O. F. building diagonally across the street at intersection from its own building.

HENRY REXEISEN, WAR VET, PASSES

Henry W. Rexeisen, 57, Spanish war veteran, died Saturday at the veterans facility hospital here. He was born February 5, 1880, in St. Paul, Minn. For the past eight years he had resided at Florence, Oregon.

Surviving are his wife and a sister, Louise May, of Portland. Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. today at the Roseburg Undertaking company parlors, Rev. Perry Smith officiating. Interment was in the veterans cemetery.

N. D. BABB DIES AT MYRTLE CREEK

N. B. Babb, 63, resident of Myrtle Creek for the past 25 years, died Sunday at his home following a long illness. He was born March 16, 1873, in Illinois.

He is survived by his wife. Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at the family residence. Interment will be in the Myrtle Creek cemetery. Friends are asked to omit flowers. Arrangements are in charge of the Roseburg Undertaking company.

M. C. RADABAUGH PASSES ON AT 82

Milton C. Radabaugh, 82, a resident of Roseburg since 1917, died at his home early Sunday following a long period of ill health. Born in Marion county, Ohio, Nov. 16, 1854, he came to Roseburg in 1917 from North Dakota, and was engaged here for a number of years in auctioneering and management of an auction house. He served for several years as a member of the Roseburg city council.

He was a life-long member of the Christian church and held a life membership in the Masonic lodge.

Surviving are his wife and the following sons and daughters: Henry M., Ogden, Utah; George R., Portland; Mrs. Wm. U. Keller, Roseburg; Mrs. W. A. Schurz, Portland; Mrs. R. L. Sackett, Tigard; and Mrs. H. V. Olson, Portland. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday at the Roseburg Undertaking company chapel, Rev. J. Frank Cunningham officiating. The body will be taken to Portland for interment.

AMERICANS DRINK AND SMOKE MORE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Treasury figures indicated today Americans drank more liquor, smoked more cigarettes and played more cards in 1936 than the previous year.

Taxes were paid on 114,887,916 gallons of domestic liquor in 1936, compared with 99,418,171 gallons in 1935, and on 14,713,257 gallons of imported spirits, against 7,222,599 in the previous year.

Beer and other fermented malt liquors increased from 45,207,080 barrels in 1935 to 53,197,820 in 1936.

Stamp-tax sales indicated the country smoked 153,166,336,993 cigarettes last year, compared with 137,667,411,257 in 1935.

There were 400,000 more packs of playing cards sold in 1936 than in 1935.

SPANISH FASCISTS CAPTURE MALAGA

15,000 Italians Take Part in Final Push; Madrid Still Holds Out.

(By the Associated Press) Fascist troops marched victoriously into Malaga today, said Italian cable reports from that port, seemingly ending what the fascists said was a "rule of the gun" by defeated anarchists and communists.

Gibraltar advisers said the army and fleet of General Francisco Franco, in a swift, methodical drive, had won complete domination of the Mediterranean port, last government stronghold in the Gibraltar straits area.

"The 'big push,' reports from Gibraltar said, was aided by 15,000 Italian troops which had been landed at Cadiz within the past three days and rushed to the Malaga front.

"The Italian government repeatedly has denied any troops have been sent to Spain."

On the Madrid front the insurgents, with far less apparent success, tried to take the highway to Valencia, besieged Madrid's main line. Valencia is the temporary seat of the socialist government.

CI FRK OF SENATE SUDDENLY STRICKEN

PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—(AP)—John P. Hunt, chief clerk of the senate of the Oregon legislature, was reported improved early today after having been rushed by ambulance to St. Vincent's hospital from Salem in a serious condition Sunday.

Hunt is suffering from stomach ulcer hemorrhages.

INJURIES FROM GAS BLAST KILL WOMAN

RED BLUFF, Calif., Feb. 8.—(AP)—Mrs. Anna Isabel Leavitt, 55, wife of Ernest P. Leavitt, Lassen volcanic national park superintendent, died of injuries yesterday when a gas explosion wrecked her home at Mineral Friday.

Leavitt and Mrs. W. J. Freeman, nurse, are reported improving at a hospital here.

Roseburg School Bond Election to Be Limited to Taxpayers; Building Plans are Set Forth by Architect

Voting at the special school election in Roseburg Monday, Feb. 15, when a question of a \$54,000 bond issue will be submitted by the board of directors, will be limited to taxpayers of the district. Only persons who are owners of real property, or own stock in some corporation taxed by the state of Oregon, will be qualified to vote at the election. Where property is held jointly by a husband and wife, both will be privileged to vote, but if the title rests with one spouse alone only that person will be qualified.

The measure submitted by the board provides that the district shall issue \$54,000 in bonds, contingent upon a grant of \$44,000 from the PWA. If the grant is not forthcoming, the bonds will not be issued.

The \$98,000 would be used by the district to reconstruct the present Rose school building, and to erect a new structure to replace the present Fullerton school.

Plans Explained "The Rose school building, which is located on a prominent and picturesque site at the south end of the city, for the sake of economy, will be reconstructed," J. E. Tourtelotte, architect, says in a message to the school board outlining his plans for the proposed buildings. "In the interest of safety the top story will be removed and the ground area of the building will be increased sufficiently to give in the reconstructed building about the same amount of usable floor space that there is in the present building.

"The construction of the new portion and the reconstruction of the existing building, that which is left and worked over and made new in the reconstruction, will have exterior masonry walls, the appearance of which will be similar to the cornerstone of the Douglas county courthouse. The interior of the building will be constructed of lumber, the walls and ceilings to be made fire resisting with gypsum plastering. A certain proportion of the ceiling work will in turn be covered by acoustical fibroboard.

"The Fullerton school building will be located to the south of the senior high school. It will be separated from the high school with a wide common or park, which will provide playground facilities for the student body of this school.

"This building will contain six standard class rooms, a large assembly room with a stage, music room, offices, rest rooms, toilet rooms, locker rooms, etc.

"The building will be one story in height. Exterior walls will be of monolithic concrete with the concrete process on exterior surfaces.

"Roofs of both buildings will be covered with fire-resisting material.

"The buildings will have unilith (Continued on page 6)

EX-TOWNSENDERS PUT ON PROBATION

Wunder and Kiefer Plead Guilty to Contempt but Sentences Suspended.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Two former regional directors of the Townsend old age pension organization pleaded guilty in federal district court today to charges of contempt of the house.

They—Dr. Clinton Wunder of New York and John B. Kiefer of Chicago—were given suspended sentences of one year in prison and \$100 fine and placed on probation for the year by Justice Peyton Gordon.

Both ignored subpoenas to appear before a special house committee investigating old age pension organizations last spring.

Dr. Francis E. Townsend, founder of the movement, was to have been arraigned with Wunder and Kiefer, but failed to appear.

Leslie C. Garnett, United States attorney, said Townsend's absence was the result of a misunderstanding. The old age pension leader was ordered to be in court tomorrow morning, Garnett said. Townsend would plead not guilty and requested that his trial be set for February 23.

Townsend also is under an indictment for contempt of the house for walking out of the committee's hearing and refusing to testify further.

Garnett informed the court both Wunder and Kiefer had made written apology to the house last week for their action.

Before imposition of the sentences, Wunder and Kiefer told the court they desired to "clearly establish" they had not been associated with Doctor Townsend and his organization for the last six months.

MISSING AIRMAN REACHES SEATTLE

SEATTLE, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Missing more than 21 hours while eight planes searched for him, Albert Almosino, Seattle pilot, left his undamaged plane at a farmer's field near Kandle, Wash., and rode in a bus to Seattle Saturday night. He stayed Friday night at the farmer's home. He was flying from Portland to Seattle.

AUTO CRASH KILLS 2 NEAR CORVALLIS

CORVALLIS, Feb. 8.—(AP)—An automobile crash on the Pacific highway south of the city limits Sunday brought death to two persons.

Mrs. Lewis Nelson, 38, mother of five children, died instantly. Herbert Thompson, 34, Corvallis mechanic, succumbed to injuries this morning.

Thompson was taking Mrs. Nelson home. As he turned across the Pacific highway he crashed with a car driven by Richard Chaney, Oregon State college freshman whose home is here.

State Police Officer Ernest Larios investigated but made no arrests. District Attorney E. E. McHenry indicated no action will be taken.

Mrs. Nelson was the wife of a war veteran officially listed by the government as a member of a "lost battalion." He is an auto mechanic here.

FROM HEADLINES

By Deacon Richmond "Flames and Raging Floods Cause Great Damage and Loss of Life." Too much rainfall is a curse; too much heat is bad, but none is worse. When drought attacks the field and grain, it brings great suffering and pain, and clouds of dust obscure the sun and prayers are said by everyone that God will send the blessed rain and make the waste place bloom again.

It's much the same regarding fire; it's most destructive, in its fire; and yet, without its welcome heat, to warm our homes and cook our meat, and smelt our ore to make our steels, and make the steam to drive our wheels, man's lot would be most drab indeed. He could not match the heat for speed; there's little that he now desires, that could be had, except for fire.

It simply all boils down to this; curses are blessings gone amiss; for every blessing, new or old, will be a curse, if uncontrolled; while many curses, I surmise, are merely blessings in disguise; and many things, that now we prize, were just a curse in father's eyes.

Editorials on the Day's News

BY FRANK JENKINS

THE Pacific Coast maritime strike, after dragging along for 98 days and costing an estimated billion dollars, comes to an end and once more the ports are humming with activity.

Thirty-five thousand maritime and dock workers, 50 steamship companies and 237 ships shake off the wasteful lethargy of more than three months and return to the useful task of producing wealth for the people of the world to enjoy.

WHO won?

Well, on the face of the terms, as given out, it looks as if the strikers had won. With the exception of the longshoremen, who started it and stayed with it to the end, giving up their earning power for the betterment of their fellow workers in the other crafts and getting little themselves except an increase in overtime rates, nearly all the men concerned go back to work better off than they were before.

About all the operators got out of it is escape from as rigid application of the closed shop as was sought by the strike leaders.

NO UNPREJUDICED person, this writer thinks, will grudge the seaman the advances they have won.

For vastly more years than any living person can remember—for centuries, in fact—the men who go down to the sea in ships and those who work with them in loading and unloading the ships were underpaid, over-worked and generally abused. Through generation after generation, the life of a sailor was a dog's life.

The bitterness apparent in seamen's strikes in recent years is the outgrowth of those long years of injustice to seafaring men. If the operators are handicapped by the higher costs arising out of the settlement, they can reflect that the sins of earlier generations of operators are merely being visited

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