

THE WEATHER

Highest temperature yesterday 53. Lowest temperature last night 44. Precipitation for 24 hours — 0.11. Fresh, since first of month 3.94. Fresh, from Sept. 1, 1926, 18.94. Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1926, 14. Unsettled, possibly showers.

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NEW STRIKE?

Southern Pacific employees have begun to vote on a walk-out over alleged agreement violations. A strike might seriously affect coast trade conditions. Result of the vote will be in NEW-REVIEW wire news.

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ALTURAS EDITOR SLAIN IN PRESS RIVALRY

Editorials On the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS HERE is a bit of advice: Don't form your opinions of the President's plan to make the supreme court jump when he cracks the whip by what OPPONENTS of the New Deal are saying about it.

THE proposal to destroy the independence of the supreme court by compelling it to rule as the President WANTS it to rule involves so many grave dangers that it has aroused the opposition of large numbers of people who have been FRIENDLY to the New Deal.

You will find yourself less swayed by prejudice if you consider the court-packing plan in the light of what these men think of it.

PROFESSOR RAYMOND MOLEY can hardly be regarded as an opponent of the New Deal. He was a member of the original brain trust, and still favors the Roosevelt objectives.

Before the senate judiciary committee on Tuesday, he asserted that President Roosevelt's court bill would "inevitably weaken the authority and prestige of the supreme court."

U. S. NATIONAL TO BUILD AT K-FALLS

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., March 25 — (AP) — Purchase of mid-town property and plans to erect a two-story bank building were revealed today by Godfrey C. Blohm, manager of the recently acquired Klamath Falls branch of the United States National bank of Portland.

The new banking home will be built on the southwest corner of Main and Eighth streets, virtually the exact center of the city's business district. It will occupy the full area of a lot 56 by 106 feet and will be of concrete type with the school, Blohm said.

Planes, Fishbones and Skis Used to Kill Alaska's Predatory Wolves

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, March 25 — (AP) — Alaskans eyed with approval today two new methods of killing the predatory wolf.

Planes, fishbones and skis were used to hunt the wolf. The territory allows a bounty on wolves.

13 KILLED IN CRASH OF AIRLINER

FATAL PLUNGE OCCURS NEAR PITTSBURGH

Victims Mangled Almost Past Recognition; Drop Attributed to Ice On Plane Wings.

PITTSBURGH, March 26. — (AP) — Officials of the Transcontinental and Western Airlines declared today that ice forming on the control equipment caused the crash of its airliner near Pittsburgh, with the loss of 13 lives.

By the Associated Press. The nose dive of a palatial skyliner into a hillside, carrying its 13 occupants to instant death, furnished today another mystery of the airways.

The giant Transcontinental and Western Airlines' Silver Bird, carrying the \$2,000,000 Allegheny county airport for a stop on its journey from Newark to Chicago, dropped like a plummet seven minutes after the sun had set yesterday.

The sky was clear for some 2,400 feet, there was not much wind, and a sister ship was cruising a few hundred yards above and behind the twin-engine Douglas, C-7, number 320.

Captain A. M. Wilkins, winging home the second ship, turned his head to avoid looking at the doomed liner's final 50-foot drop. He estimated the fatal plunge began about 1,700 feet up and that Pilot F. Lawrence Bonnet, a veteran of 10 years' service, made two complete left turns with his plane's nose pointed straight down.

All the victims except the pretty blonde hostess, Doris C. Hammons of Elk City, Okla., were battered almost beyond recognition. They were catapulted to the front of the ship, whose nose plowed into a hillside on the fringe of Mt. Lebanon, fashionable suburb.

List of Dead Edward J. Fleming, Jr., 22, student, Standard Oil Co., employee, Kansas City. C. R. (Dick) Lewers, 22, student, Standard Oil Co., employee, Kansas City. Hasan Haxhi, Albanian representative of Diamond T Motor Car company, Argo, Ill. John P. Hermann, 45, engineer and inventor, Lincoln, Ill. Frederick D. Lehman, 25, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., Harrisburg, Pa. Miss Pauline Trask, 37, school teacher, Germantown, Pa. Edgar E. Hazelton, 35, stove

EX-GOVERNOR MEIER HAS AN OPERATION

PORTLAND, March 26. — (AP) — Former Governor Julius L. Meier had a satisfactory night at the Good Samaritan hospital following an appendectomy yesterday, attendants reported today.

The hospital described the ex-state executive's condition as "splendid."

Challenge Indignant, rising high, For all to see, A Cross against the sky, For you—for me! We may not know the pain The tragic plea He offered, there, for us in agony. We cannot bear the sob, "Forsaken Me!" But, throughout the years, The cry will be Haunting men, anew, Pleasurably. —Helen M. Magers.

STANFIELD LEASE AROUSES CONCERN

ONTARIO, Ore., March 26 — (AP) — Reports current here today said R. N. Stanfield has obtained control of almost one-half of the state-owned range land, or about 28,000 acres, largely in Malheur, Harney and Baker counties.

Members of the advisory board of district three and representatives of the federal grazing service said they were told he had successfully bid for the land, paying about \$3,630.

Officials of the grazing service expressed concern over what effect the lease will have on administration of the Taylor grazing act, fearing legal action on grounds of trespassing.

Stanfield, former United States senator, obtained the land on lease at a letting by the state land board in Salem. The price was reported at 11 mills an acre and reports have said six sections had been sub-leased by Stanfield at 10 cents an acre.

The land consists of school sections and foreclosed property and is scattered, thus complicating the problem of avoiding trespass and also providing Taylor grazing act officials with a puzzle on how to enforce regulations on in-between property.

Stanfield conferred with district officials on the question of exchange and blocking of the large acreage, but no decision on what course would be pursued was forthcoming.

OREGON'S NEW CCC QUOTA SET AT 671

WASHINGTON, March 26. — (AP) — Oregon's quota of the 111,090 men to be enrolled immediately by the civilian conservation corps will be 671, Robert Fechner, director of emergency conservation work, said.

CALIFORNIA'S BAD WEATHER ABATES

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26 — (AP) — Storm-harassed California, threatened by flood and suffering from untold crop damage from unprecedented rains the past week, enjoyed normal weather today, with a prediction from the weather bureau that it would continue until tomorrow night at least.

NEBRASKA SPURNS CHILD LABOR BAN

LINCOLN, Neb., March 26 — (AP) — The Nebraska unicameral legislature killed today a bill to ratify the proposed federal child labor amendment.

AUTO STRIKE END BELIEVED NOT FAR OFF

LANSING, Mich., March 26. — (AP) — Conferences between the highest officials of the Chrysler Corp. and the United Automobile Workers, scheduled for adjournment at noon, continued long past that hour, giving rise to hopes that an agreement might be reached today.

Homer Martin, president of the UAW, who left the conference room for lunch, replied "your guess is as good as mine" to inquiries about the possibility of a settlement.

When Walter P. Chrysler and John L. Lewis resumed their conferences this morning, it was indicated the negotiations would be recessed at noon for the Easter week-end, resuming probably on Tuesday.

Governor Frank Murphy, who brought together the chairman of the Chrysler Corp. and the committee for industrial organization and arranged the momentous agreement for evacuation of the Chrysler plants, was optimistic. He said "progress" was being made toward an agreement on the deadlocked issue of sole representation which is keeping 60,000 workers from their jobs.

A source close to the governor said Murphy preferred that the opponents discuss the situation as long as they chose rather than reach a hasty decision.

3-WAR VET, 105, PERISHES IN FIRE

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26. — (AP) — Flames and smoke did what age could not do to Mother Minerva Hartman, 105-year-old veteran of the three wars. They killed her last night as she slept in her three-room home on Silt.

Day after day for years Mother Hartman has kept old glory flying from the flagpole at her home. She was a nurse in three wars, the Civil war, North Front Indian war and the Spanish-American war.

WHISTLER PRINT STOLEN AT O. S. C.

CORVALLIS, March 26 — (AP) — Oregon State college and city authorities investigated the theft of a priceless, original Whistler print from Kidder hall today.

The famed artist's picture was the "little nude figure" from the collection of Leslie J. Rosenwald, an Englishman. It had been loaned to the school for an exhibit.

TEXACO SERVICE STATION ROBBED

The Texaco service station at Mosher and Stephens streets was robbed last night by a burglar who forced entrance through a window, according to Chief of Police John S. Duer. Forrest McKay, manager, said that the thief obtained about \$10 in money, a quantity of oil and some auto accessories, Duer reported.

SENATORS MAY BLOCK JURIST APPOINTMENT

WASHINGTON, March 26. — (AP) — The possibility arose today that opponents of the Roosevelt court bill might attempt to block the elevation of Judge Robert Lee Williams of Oklahoma to the federal circuit court.

Senator Burke (D. Neb.), said Williams' letter to Attorney General Cummings saying he would be willing to retire in less than two years when he reaches 70, "raises the question of his qualifications" for the post.

Williams, now a district judge, was nominated by the president yesterday to the tenth circuit court of appeals. The White House gave out this letter.

"I disapprove of the letter entirely," Burke said. "Any judge who would write the kind of letter Williams did raises the question as to his qualifications."

"I would very strongly oppose putting a man on the bench who would say he was going to serve only so long and then get off."

Under the present law federal district judges draw \$10,000 a year and circuit court judges, \$12,500. Burke is a leading opponent of the president's request for authority to name additional justices to the supreme court unless justices now over 70 retire.

REBELS AND ITALIAN AIDES DRIVEN BACK

ANDUJAR, Spain, March 26 — (AP) — Government troops, preceded by bombing planes, penetrated insurgent southern lines in fresh attacks today, forcing General Franco's Italian-reinforced legions back five miles from positions outside Pozoblanco.

Internal fighting among 30,000 Italian volunteers on the Guadalajara front, official Spanish sources said today, has caused their removal from the ranks of the insurgents.

Deserters coming across the battle lines confirmed government pilots' reports yesterday that the Italians had been withdrawn from the front lines in the Guadalajara sector.

FALL FROM AUTO SNAPS BOY'S NECK

Bonnie Knapp, three-year-old son of Mrs. Miles Knapp of Drain, faces spending the coming summer in a cast, according to word received from Corvallis, where the child is in the hospital. Mrs. Knapp was on the way to visit her mother, Mrs. C. B. Moore, of Tillamook, when the door of her car flew open and the child fell to the pavement. He suffered a broken neck.

FORECLOSED LAND PROBLEM TACKLED HERE

State and County Planners Seek Means of Utilizing County Tracts Taken Off Tax Rolls.

Plans for a thorough study of possible uses of county-owned lands, held under foreclosure of delinquent taxes, were being considered here today at a meeting of the Douglas County Planning commission.

Suggestions included proposals for a complete survey and study with particular attention to possible future markets for timber on forested lands, and the possibility of burning and reseeding cutover lands to produce livestock range.

Statistics presented by Sinclair Wilson, of the U. S. forest service Wind River experiment station, showed that Douglas county now holds title to 151,900 acres of land, as compared with 42,300 acres in 1932. Of the 151,900 acres held by the county, 109,000 acres contain timber of size suitable for lumber, Wilson said, this type of land held by the county having increased from 25,600 acres in 1932.

Aside from lands classed as timber of pile or tie size, reproduction and cutover lands, the county's holdings of city, farm, and other property amounts to only 5,200 acres, a gain of 2,200 acres in 1932, he said, pointing out that the problem of returning timber land to the matter for most serious study.

The same commission, he told the commission, holds true in all other timbered counties of Oregon, while the ratio of return of cutover lands is still greater in Washington.

SCHOOL STRIKE ENDS AS COACH RETURNS

SCIO, March 26. — (AP) — All was quiet on the school strike front here today, with the students back in school and Coach Cecil Elder back on the job.

More than a hundred school and upper grade school pupils walked out of their classrooms Monday protesting the failure of the school board to offer Elder a contract for next year.

Wednesday, Elder submitted his resignation to the school board, effective immediately, and later withdrew it at the request of pupils.

STRIKE VOTE BEGUN BY S. P. EMPLOYEES

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26. — (AP) — A strike vote was started today among the 8,000 union railway member employees of the Southern Pacific railroad because union spokesmen declared the company had violated pay agreements and failed to recognize the brotherhoods in labor disputes.

Strike Powers To President Favored



C. M. Chester, above, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, stepped into the labor situation when he offered congress the association's plan to permit presidential intervention in serious labor disputes.

PINBALL CENTER OF WAR IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, March 26 — (AP) — City officials and pinball operators locked heads today in a showdown on the city's recently enacted ordinance prohibiting operation of the games.

Two men, Claud Dempsey and A. E. Mellin, were charged with possession of gambling devices yesterday and ordered to appear in municipal court and four more men were arrested today as leaders of a move to force a referendum defied the legality of the ordinance.

The machines reappeared in several establishments after Commissioner J. E. Bennett, author of the ordinance, attempted to block the proposed referendum by introducing an emergency ordinance which would have prohibited the games pending an election in May, 1938.

Recently, pinball operators presented more than 22,000 names in petitions calling for a referendum. If the petitions are found sufficient, the games could continue without interference until 1938 election but Bennett hoped to prevent this by the emergency ordinance. It was defeated by a four-to-one vote of the city council.

Bennett was accused of attempting to "hurtle the referendum" and the session was thrown into uproar as spectators booed and cheered proponents and opponents of the ordinance.

Shortly afterward pinball leaders said they would resume operations and city officials promptly served notice they would prosecute anyone displaying the games.

Adjudged Suicide

VALE, March 26 — (AP) — Coroner R. A. Tacke said a self-inflicted knife wound in the throat caused the death here Wednesday of Don Conklin, 61.

Conklin, brother of the late E. B. Conklin, Mathew county editor, was found dying in a bunk at a CCC camp where he was employed.

COMPETITOR'S SON USES GUN TO END FEUD

Claude McCracken, Dying, Dictates Terse Wire on Shooting as His Last Reporting.

ALTURAS, Calif., March 26. — (AP) — Killed in what Sheriff John Sharp said today was the climax of a newspaper feud, Claude L. McCracken, 46-year-old editor, reported the story of his own shooting as his last act.

Harry French, 30-year-old state employee and son of Alturas' rival newspaper publisher, surrendered voluntarily after McCracken was shot down in his own home last night as he ate dinner with two young women. French was held on an open charge today.

With five bullets in his body, McCracken was carried to a hospital where his wife was the nurse assigned to care for him. There he wrote "30" to his newspaper career by dictating a telegram carrying the first report of the gunplay to the Associated Press bureau in San Francisco. It read:

"Tonight about six-thirty Harry French shot Claude L. McCracken, editor of the Modoc Mail, with an automatic pistol. Condition of McCracken serious. "Signed McCracken."

Two hours later he died. A good reporter to the last. McCracken was the Associated Press correspondent at Alturas—and publisher of the mimeographed Modoc Daily Mail.

French is the son of Bard French, publisher of the long-established Alturas Weekly Plain Dealer and a Modoc county pioneer.

Papers Long in Feud "The papers have been battling back and forth on every issue that has come up," Sheriff Sharp said. "I think the shooting was due to bad feelings aroused by this rivalry."

Sharp said McCracken was eating in his kitchen with Miss Donna Conwell, his business partner on the Mail, and a family friend, Miss

J. F. GORTHY DIES IN WEST ROSEBURG

James F. Gorthy, 75, well known resident of West Roseburg, died late Thursday at the home of his son, Clinton, following a long period of illness. Born Dec. 15, 1861, in New York, he had made his home in Roseburg since 1923. His wife died three years ago.

Surviving are six sons and daughters: Clinton, Clarence and Robert Gorthy; Mary Fosken, Ethel Andrea and Frances Long, all of Roseburg. Mr. Gorthy was a member of the Baptist church.

FLASHES OF OREGON EVENTS

Lung Rid of Toy

PORTLAND, March 26 — Clyde Rice, 9, can pucker his lips and whistle without concern today. He knows its okay.

Prowl Car Robbed

PORTLAND, March 26 — It's always a good joke for everyone but the victim when a thief puts one over on a police officer. Patrolman C. N. Anderson reported a reefer coat stolen from a prowler car.

Bad Bridge Blown Up

MARSHFIELD, March 26 — Roadmaster Floyd Robb used 49 sticks of dynamite to blow the superstructure of the condemned Coos city bridge into isthmus slough.

Although condemned, some motorists continued to use the span, removing barriers erected by authorities.