

THE WEATHER
Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 80%
Highest temperature yesterday 46
Lowest temperature last night 36
Precipitation for 24 hours .15
P. m. since first of month 2.22
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1937 .2252
Excess since Sept. 1, 1937 .339
Rain: Moderate Temperature

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WHAT REPLY?
U. S. awaits from Japan an answer to the question on the size of battleships under construction. A good guess is that it will lead to an intensive navy building race of world-wide significance. Keep your eye on NEWS-REVIEW wire news.

U. S. QUESTIONS JAPAN ON NAVAL POLICY

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
TWO navy bombers collide at San Pedro, and 11 die. This air disaster, worst in the navy's history, provides the big headlines for Thursday's papers.

The day before that, it was an Italian trans-Atlantic plane that crashed off the coast of Brazil—four lives lost. A week or so ago, it was an American airliner; fatalities, seven.

Hardly a day passes without its accompanying air tragedy, great or small.

BEFORE jumping too hastily to the conclusion that air navigation is becoming increasingly dangerous, remember that the number of planes in the air is becoming increasingly NUMEROUS.

FREDERICK H. SCHMALZ, millinery merchant of Portland, speaking at the conference of small business men in Washington, says that labor troubles are the major cause of the business recession in the Pacific northwest.

"Give us peace in the ranks of labor," he asserts, "and we will be well on our road to normalcy."

There's a lot of truth in what he says.

BUSINESS men would unquestionably be much better off if there were fewer strikes—and this writer, for one, has no doubt that those who work for wages would be far better off also.

IT isn't true at all that all labor leaders are racketeers. Many, perhaps MOST, labor leaders are honest, sincere men. Nearly all the labor representatives with whom this writer has dealt as a publisher have been able and fair.

But experience DOES seem to (Continued on page 4)

BERNARD YOUNG OUT FOR SECOND TERM

Bernard Young, representative from Douglas county to the state legislature, will be a candidate to succeed himself, he announced today. He will seek the republican nomination at the May primary election.

Mr. Young, a son of Mayor and Mrs. A. J. Young of Roseburg, is a graduate of Roseburg high school and the University of Oregon. He is a local representative of a large insurance company.

He served as representative from Douglas county during the last legislature and is completing his first term in public office. He has been active in the political affairs of the republican party in the state and county for several years.

DAY TRAIN HERE AT 11:00 AM

Eugene-Grants Pass Area to Be Served by Trucks and Buses; Appeal to I. C. C. Futile.

The organized effort of southern Oregon committees to prevent the change in train schedule from becoming effective through an appeal to the interstate commerce commission, met with failure, when the commission announced that it lacked authority.

In a wire to City Attorney B. L. Eddy, chairman of the committee named at a recent protest meeting in Grants Pass, the commission said that in view of the fact the railroad company was not obtaining all service, but was merely changing the type of service, authority on the part of the commission to interfere was lacking.

Mr. Eddy also was informed that the commission had requested and secured a statement from Southern Pacific company officials, and that the local committee was being advised by mail of the railroad company's intentions holding the change to be necessary.

Service by Bus and Truck. Under the new arrangement, all passenger and mail service between Eugene and Grants Pass will be handled by buses and mail cars or trucks, connecting at Grants Pass with trains from California.

John Noyes of Roseburg yesterday was awarded the mail hauling contract. He will provide cars at each end of the route to handle all mail, except parcel post, which will not be carried on the new service.

The mail service, according to Postmaster L. L. Wimberly, of Roseburg, will be practically the same as at present, except for a slight change in time. The carrier will serve Riddle and Glendale as at present. Under the existing contract, Canyonville's mail is handled out of Riddle, and will continue to be handled there, despite the fact that the carrier will pass through Canyonville. It is anticipated, however, that some arrangement will be made in the near future whereby Canyonville will be given direct service.

The mail service, Mr. Wimberly reports, will be operated under star route regulations out of Eugene and (Continued on page 5)

DEATH ENDS 92-YEAR CAREER IN OREGON

SALEM, Feb. 5.—(AP)—A career of 92 years in Oregon ended Thursday with the death of a veteran's hospital in Portland of Byron Grim. Mr. Grim was born in Illinois and came to Oregon with his parents when one year old. He was a Civil war veteran. For 66 years he had held membership in Champeau Masonic lodge and was its oldest past master. He was a cousin of the late Governor T. T. Geer of Oregon.

Oddities Flashed From Press Wire

Faux Pas
CHARLOTTE, N. C.—In the midst of Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick's argument before a jury, he stopped, swept the room with his eyes, and shouted harshly: "Shut up that talking back there!"

"I beg your pardon, colonel," came a quick reply. Col. Kirkpatrick looked at the speaker, flushed, and resumed his oration. It was Presiding Judge Will H. Pless Jr., who had stepped off the bench for a conference with the solicitor.

Wanted: Rain
KINSLEY, Kan.—Kinsley businessmen are strong for advertising. They put this page ad in the Weekly Graphic: "We are asking for one-half inch of moisture on or before Feb. 17. Advertising has never failed us, and to prove our faith in its value we will pay double for our ads upon delivery of said moisture."

CITY'S FINANCIAL CONDITION MOST FAVORABLE IN MANY YEARS, REPORT DISCLOSES

Debt Payments in 1937 Absorbed 62.4 Cents of Each Tax Dollar Collected by Roseburg, Leaving Cash Balance of \$22,670; Bond Retirement Totalled \$54,000, All Outstanding Warrants Called In.

From each tax dollar paid to the city of Roseburg during the year 1937, the city paid 62.4 cents for debt service, A. J. Geddes, recorder, stated in his annual report. This report, covering the city's financial condition, shows a more favorable situation than has existed for many years. The city has paid off \$54,000 in bonds during the past year; all outstanding warrants have been called for payment; all operations have been on a cash basis; tax receipts exceeded the levy, and the city finished the year with a cash balance of \$22,669.94.

Breaking down the distribution of the tax dollar, the report shows 47.8 cents spent for payment of bond principal and 14.6 cents for bond interest, making a total of 62.4 cents for debt service. The rate, however, is considerably above the usual ratio as the city transferred \$17,000 from the general fund to the bond account and retired \$7,000 of fire truck bonds.

Total receipts during 1937 were \$123,644.78, divided as follows: Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1937, \$6,966.83; special taxes, \$96,412.67; district road taxes, \$7,964.55; fines, \$1,095.59; general licenses, \$1,466.06; pinball licenses, \$5,448.29; milk licenses \$438, (total licenses \$7,247.35); interest on fire truck sinking fund \$17.15; sundries \$4,080.85; miscellaneous, \$15.07; improvement fund, \$6,294.74; transfers to sewer emergency fund, \$5,750.00.

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COURT STRUGGLE SCARS UNHEALED ANTI-LYNCH BILL APPEARS DOOMED

Anniversary of Roosevelt Barkley Plans "Lay Aside" Motion to Make Way for Legislation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—(AP)—A year ago today President Roosevelt proposed his court reorganization bill and precipitated a momentous congressional battle.

Political effects of the long struggle which left his party ranks in congress badly split are still in almost daily evidence in capitol hill. The breach has not healed.

Instead of the half dozen dissenters from administration policies among senate democrats, who had never posed a problem for the leadership, there is now a big and fairly solid group of regular oppositionists.

Every really vital vote in the senate since the court bill fight has been close. The spirit of independence has spread to the house, where last session for the first time the bigger chamber voted down a key administration measure—the wage-hour bill.

Most likely constitutional amendment to emerge from the court debate is the Norris proposal to make it easier in the future to change the constitution. It would require that a constitutional amendment submitted to the states by congress automatically go on the ballots in the next general election. This would permit ratification by direct vote and would assure prompt action. Amendments now are acted on by state legislatures or constitutional conventions.

Although Mr. Roosevelt lost his court battle, he has since won his objective of a more friendly supreme court by retirement of two justices who often voted against his policies.

"Nation Should Rejoice"
Rep. Snell (R., N. Y.), the house minority leader, said in a statement that there should be "national rejoicing and thanksgiving" that President Roosevelt's court bill was not enacted.

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HITLER GRABS COMMAND OF GERMAN ARMY

Diplomatic Corps Shake-Up Also Marks Centralizing of Rule That Perils Europe's Peace.

BERLIN, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Reichsstaefuhrer Adolf Hitler emerged today from Germany's most amazing cabinet crisis as the supreme commander to intensify nazification of his army and to prepare the nation for a new step in world affairs.

He assumed direct command of all armed forces, made sweeping changes in the diplomatic service, concentrated authority more than ever before in his own hands, and named as his foreign minister the zealous Nazi, Joachim von Ribbentrop, the champagne salesman who became ambassador to London.

The drastic centralization of authority was followed immediately by an insistent demand for return of Germany's lost colonies by Field Marshal General Hermann Wilhelm Goering, No. 2 Nazi.

Whatever Hitler may reveal of his immediate plans when the reorganizing meets on Feb. 29, one thing already is apparent—the swift events, following War Minister Marshal Werner von Blomberg's resignation because the army considered his carpenter's daughter bride "socially impossible," have removed conservative generals from positions where they might act as brakes.

There were circumstantial indications that Hitler might proclaim to the Reichstag that Germany was taking Danzig under her sovereignty.

It was possible also that Hitler would announce formally that Germany regarded herself as protector of German minorities everywhere.

The nazification of Austria also is an aim. Goering announced reorganization of the ministry of economics—one more step toward nazification of the national economy.

"Christian" Generals Lose
Among the casualties in the army were said to be some of the "eighteen Christian generals" who, with General Werner von Fritsch, tried to slow nazification of the army and criticized what they called a pagan trend away from the basic and Christian virtues of good soldiering.

The diplomatic changes included the recall of Ambassador Ulrich (Continued on page 6)

BARTENDER BESTS TWO HOLDUP MEN

PORTLAND, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Defying two holdup men, Harry G. Desch, 50, pulled a revolver in a beer parlor early today, shot one of the men in the neck, and held the other at bay until police came despite a wound in the left shoulder, suffered when one of the robbers returned his fire.

A police report identified the men as James A. Arthur, 32, and Harry Hammer, 31. They were charged with assault with intent to rob and assault with intent to kill.

Richard Pagan, bartender, said Arthur pulled a revolver and told him: "This is a holdup!" Desch, refusing a command to surrender, fired at Arthur, wounding him in the neck, and was in turn shot in the shoulder. While another employe summoned police, Desch held his gun on the two men.

Arthur's condition was reportedly "fair." Desch was less seriously hurt.

CREW SPURNS WAGE CUT; MILL CLOSES
CARLTON, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Refusal of 60 workers to take a 7-cent hourly wage cut led today to shutdown of the Carlton sawmill, and a cessation of operations of the L. H. L. mill was in prospect after the union threatened to picket the plant despite the wage of employes, 29 to 31, to accept the wage cut.

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Soviet authorities previously had informed the United States they would not permit an American diplomat to see Mrs. Rubens until after Russian police had finished investigating her case. State department officials said today that the inference is that they have now completed their investigation.

That was taken to mean Russia had not accepted Hull's principle of right of visit "without delay."

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