

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 16%
Highest temperature yesterday 98
Lowest temperature last night 60
Precipitation for 24 hours 0
Precip. since first of month .05
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1937 .40.80
Excess since Sept. 1, 1937 .823
Clear; Cooler Tonight.

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FIGHTERS GAINING AGAINST FOREST FIRES

Editorials ON THE Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

MONTANA'S Democratic primary has gone heavily New Deal, and in the light of figures just released from Washington it would have been ungrateful to have done otherwise.

In the fiscal year just closed Montana paid out in federal taxes the sum of \$5,974,784 and GOT BACK in federal disbursements the exceedingly comfortable total of \$21,569,045.

THAT is to say, for every dollar of federal taxes paid in during the fiscal year just closed, Montana got back \$3.60. Not a bad bargain!

BUT wait. You ain't heard nothing yet!

During the fiscal year just closed North Dakota paid in taxes to the federal government \$1,568,801 and got back in federal expenditures the sizeable wad of \$21,643,936.

North Dakota, you see, got back \$13.80 for every federal tax dollar paid in.

SOUTH DAKOTA didn't do so well. She got back only \$11.91 for every federal tax dollar paid in. Still, a ratio of 12 to one isn't to be sneezed at.

HOW about Oregon?

Well, Oregon is just an odd stick-in-the-mud, when judged by Dakota standards. She paid in \$14,765,934 and got back \$16,690,235—only \$1.13 back for every dollar put out.

Washington fared even worse, getting back only \$1.01 for each dollar paid in.

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COURT BILL FOE GIVEN DEMO NOD

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., July 23.—(AP)—Designated by the Colorado democratic assembly, United States Senator Alva B. Adams, opponent of President Roosevelt's supreme court and reorganization bills, will enter the September primary election unopposed for renomination.

In a heated contest fought on the issues of administration support, Adams gained the choice over State Supreme Court Justice Benjamin C. Hilliard yesterday.

Placing Adams in nomination before the assembly, Philip Hornbush, Denver party leader, declared Adams "has stood for every measure of the Roosevelt administration that had anything to do with attaining the humanitarian objectives of our great president."

FLASHES OF OREGON EVENTS

No Foul Play Wash.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 23.—(AP)—Coroner's Deputy William Van Well said yesterday an autopsy performed on the body of Forrest Collier (Fritz) Burrill, Portland lumberman, showed no evidence of foul play.

Burrill's body was found inside his automobile in the Columbia river below a Vancouver dock. He disappeared June 8, exciting a wide-spread search.

Electrocuted

LAKEVIEW, July 23.—(AP)—Contact of a bay derrick with a 6,000 volt power line resulted in the electrocution of Lela Zahn, 22, Marathon City, Wis., Thursday. Zahn was assisting in moving the derrick.

Head N. W. Moose

TACOMA, Wash., July 23.—(AP)—Charles Poole, Eugene, Ore., was elevated from first vice-president to president of the Northwest Moose association at a convention here today.

The selection was a matter of custom.

The 2,500 delegates will decide today between Victoria, B. C., and Eugene for the 1939 convention.

JAPS LAUNCH MAJOR ATTACK ON KIUKIANG

Combined Land, Naval and Air Forces Attempt to Seize Key Point in Push Toward Hankow.

SHANGHAI, July 23.—(AP)—Japanese naval and land forces began a long-awaited assault today on Kiukiang, key point in the push toward Hankow.

A Japanese naval communiqué announced landings put the invaders within ten miles of Kiukiang, 135 miles down the Yangtze from the Chinese provincial capital.

The Japanese crossed the narrow entrance to Poyang lake ten miles east of Kiukiang, after three weeks of terrific bombardments. They gained a favored position for a drive against the big Nanchang air base.

Japanese aviators bombed Chinese troops manning defenses on the Yangtze's south bank while other, flatter machine-gunned Chinese forces attempting to halt the Japanese infantry.

Kiukiang's defenses had been badly shattered by repeated raids and the Chinese "scorched earth" policy of leaving nothing useful behind.

Severe fighting progressed throughout Shansi province. Chinese reported the Japanese were unable to perfect organization for an offensive against Tungkuang and Loyang, the gateways to Shensi province, communist stronghold.

Rains Impede Invaders

Chinese troops attacked Japanese garrisons and transports all along the Yellow river, aided by heavy rainfalls that mired the invaders.

Chinese guerrillas blew up a steel bridge over the Chang river on the border of Hupeh and Hunan provinces.

A series of attacks was launched against Japanese garrisons along the Shansi province railroad.

In central Anhwei province, where fighting ceased early in June because of devastating floods, Chinese soldiers recaptured Tung-cheng and Shicheng.

Chinese Sink Warships

Japanese warships in the Yangtze continued to shell the Lion hill forts down the river from Kiukiang, with the Chinese returning fire.

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EX-DAREDEVIL OF FILMS GRAVELLY ILL

PARIS, July 23.—(AP)—Pearl White, blonde daredevil star of the old silent movie serials, was reported today in an "alarming" condition at the American hospital.

Physicians to the 49-year-old actress, gravely ill of a liver ailment, said she had taken a turn for the worse over night. They said she showed increasing signs of weakness and fatigue.

Her retirement from films, Miss White, heroine of the "Perils of Pauline," has lived in recent years outside Paris.

Crash Proves Fatal

ASTORIA, July 23.—(AP)—Injuries suffered in an automobile accident on June 14 resulted in the death of Mrs. Genevieve Trenholm, 25, former music instructor at the University of Nebraska. Her husband's automobile collided with a train. He is recovering.

Bad and Good Luck

KLAMATH FALLS, July 23.—(AP)—Glenn Barrett's ill fortune may turn out to be his good luck. While en route to a hospital to bring his wife and newborn baby home, his house burned down. Fellow lumber workers passed the hat and collected \$300, which they gave to Barrett. They also told him as soon as he cleared his lot of the fire ruins, they would put up a house for him.

Quake at Astoria

ASTORIA, July 23.—(AP)—Winds rattled and tables skidded during a mild earth shock felt here at 6:45 p. m. yesterday. Residents, who rushed into the streets, said there were five distinct shocks in the space of about ten seconds.

Heads Lions



Walter F. Dexter, above, California superintendent of schools, now is president of Lions International. He was elected by acclamation at the Lions' sessions in Oakland, Calif., yesterday.

MAN CUT TO BITS BY TRAIN NEAR DOLE

Douglas county authorities were today endeavoring to establish identity of a man, apparently a transient, whose dismembered and decapitated body was found strewn along more than 200 feet of the Southern Pacific company railroad tracks near Dole station, about 18 miles south of Roseburg.

The man apparently had fallen off the southbound freight train which left Roseburg about 1:45 a. m. today, according to Deputy Sheriff Clifford Thornton, who, with Coroner H. C. Stearns and S. P. Trainmaster Vic Petterson, conducted an investigation.

The tragedy was discovered about 9 a. m. by Virgil Rust, section foreman from Myrtle Creek, while making an inspection of the tracks.

The man was described as about 40 years of age, five feet, eight inches in height, weight about 165 pounds, grey eyes, dark hair, partially bald. He wore brown trousers, light shirt with a brown stripe and a new black and white checked cap. No coat was found.

Thorton reported there was nothing to establish identification in the man's pocketbook, which contained a few coins of small denomination.

An effort will be made to establish identification by means of finger prints.

FIRE DAMAGES TWO O. E. R. R. BRIDGES

JEFFERSON, Ore., July 23.—(AP)—Two Oregon Electric railroad bridges were damaged by fire, one of them seriously, in this vicinity late yesterday. Cause of the fire was not determined.

About 9 o'clock last night picknickers discovered the bridge at Talbot on fire. Ties and rails were destroyed on about 150 feet of the bridge, but the company expected to have the span in use again by tonight. A company crew extinguished the fire.

In the late afternoon the bridge near Tumble Inn on the Pacific highway caught fire which was extinguished by the Albany fire department.

EASTERN SEABOARD LASHED BY RAINS

NEW YORK, July 23.—(AP)—Torrential rains drenched the eastern seaboard today, from Maine to Virginia, menacing highways travel and causing thousands of dollars of crop damage.

Steady downpours in the Catskills isolated a number of villages, washed out roads and bridges, and shifted ancient boulders as if they were pebbles. Property damage was estimated to run into several hundred thousand dollars.

U. S. NAVY BOMBER CRASHES; 3 KILLED

WOODBRIDGE, Conn., July 23.—(AP)—A United States navy bombing plane, flying blind in a driving rainstorm, crashed here today, killing the pilot and two passengers. They were:

Lieut. J. F. McDonough, of Boston, Mass.
Lieut. Junior Grade, W. J. Drum, of Gloucester, Mass.
Aviation Cadet J. Patch, of Boston, U. S. N. R.

TEXAS VOTES AS SEQUEL TO 'CIRCUS' RACE

Governor Aspirant Awaits Verdict on "Arguments" With Hillbilly Band, Pension Pledge.

AUSTIN, Tex., July 23.—(AP)—A million citizens stepped into balloting booths today for a showdown on the most unpredictable issue in Texas political history—the potency of mountain music.

A new personality, W. Lee O'Daniel, converted the gubernatorial campaign into a traveling circus. The Port Worth four broker campaigned atop a sound truck with a blaring hillbilly band and a promise of \$30 monthly pensions for the aged—whether they be millionaire or indigent.

Never has the democratic primary field bulged with such strength. O'Daniel's chief opponents are Attorney General William McCraw, who was reelected without opposition four years ago; Railroad Commissioner Ernest O. Thompson, proponent of low utility rates, and Tom Hunter, Wichita Falls oil man and three-time candidate who never has polled less than 200,000 votes.

What Each Favors

O'Daniel pecked away at the "professional politicians" in his closing speech last night and asserted he favored the working man. McCraw said he hoped Texas would declare an end "to petty quarreling and sordid politics." Thompson renewed his pledge to industrialize the state, and Hunter said he was eager to slice \$35,000,000 from the state budget.

Eight weeks ago O'Daniel was unknown to politics—but a household word to rural radio listeners who, for a decade, had heard his informal chats on a commercial four program. His casual humor, it was the opinion of the majority of speakers last night, that any park site should be adjoining water, and the proposal to create a park adjacent to Deer creek and between the Pacific highway and Jackson street appeared to be the favored suggestion.

Other sites under consideration include the Ellis island, city property between Spruce street and the South Umpqua river, a tract on Deer creek, off East Sixth street, offered as a donation by Carl Roselund, local postal employee, and other pieces of property.

Financing, it was generally agreed, must be handled by public subscription.

FISHERMEN VOTE PACKERS' BOYCOTT

ASTORIA, July 23.—(AP)—Pacific coast fishermen's union tolls may refuse delivery of ocean-caught silversides and chinook salmon to 30 packers and fresh fish buyers in the Oregon Commercial Fisheries association, in complete vote returns indicated yesterday.

The move was proposed as a sympathetic boycott resulting from failure of fishermen on nine Oregon coastal streams to obtain desired price increases.

Troll fishing will continue, with catches selling to independent buyers. Gillnetters have been boycotting the association since July 1 when a contract expired.

Locals at Coquille, Reedsport, Seaside, Astoria, Waldport, Winchester Bay, Newport, Depoe Bay, Siletz and Winant voted 108 to 63 to halt the sales.

Gillnetters ask eight cents for fish caught on coastal streams until September 1, and seven cents until the end of the season.

CHILDREN SAVED BY MOTHER'S ALARM

PORTLAND, July 23.—(AP)—Two children were saved from burning last night when their mother spread an alarm and Al Stinae rushed into a two-story building and carried them to safety.

The building, formerly a lumber office on Northeast Swift boulevard near the north city limits, was destroyed.

Mrs. Dale Schmitz and her children, Patty, 3, and Shirley, 6, were in bed when the mother discovered the flames. She was unable to get them out and only the timely arrival of Stinae saved their lives.

DOG SAVES FAMILY FROM "RATTLER"

THE DALLES, July 23.—(AP)—His dog's bark made Albert Hazen boost Rover's bone supply.

As the Hazen family slept serenely at their Mill creek home, Rover barked. The family awoke. There was a hiss.

Hazen shot a huge rattlesnake.

SINGLE PARK PREFERRED BY CIVIC CLUBS

Roseburg Meet Favorable to Central Recreation Site, Close to Water, Instead of Group.

Roseburg civic clubs favor one central city park rather than a group of small rest parks and playgrounds scattered about the city, according to opinions expressed at a meeting of proponents of the park plan last night. The meeting, attended by representatives of nearly all of the leading civic organizations, was devoted largely to discussions of policies to be followed.

The Eagles lodge, taking the initiative in a movement to provide the city with a park, recently organized a committee which called a public meeting a week ago, at which time an organization was perfected with Dave Allison selected as chairman.

Representatives attending the first meeting were asked to contact their respective organizations to determine the general opinion on matters of policy.

There previously had been a suggestion that efforts should be directed toward small community parks and playgrounds, rather than one large central park. It was reported last night, however, that the organizations, unanimously favored the larger park idea.

Desired Near Water

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The encounter occurred where red soldiers on July 11 occupied a piece of land which both Russia and Manchukuo claim.

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PORTLAND HOST TO 17 NAVAL VESSELS

PORTLAND, July 23.—(AP)—Portland fell today to a navy attack.

No big guns were responsible, but smiling gobs and officers, not to mention marines, from 17 naval vessels here for the annual fleet week.

Two others, the destroyers Zane and Perry, left today for northern California with Portland naval reserve men.

Eight heavy cruisers and eight destroyers docked yesterday, led up the Columbia river by the U. S. S. Indianapolis, flagship of Vice Admiral Adolphus Andrews.

Forest Famine Impending In Northwest From Blazes And Lumbering Operations

Warning From Resources Committee Stresses Urgency For Program to Halt Inroads on Supply.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 23.—(AP)—Hazy, hazy woodsnotes turned the sun into a drowsy red disc today to remind the northwest, where more than 50 per cent of the population derives its livelihood from the lumber industry, that a forest famine approached.

Fire, the most spectacular and tragic method of liquidating the northwest's greatest resource, was foremost in public concern for the forests' future. But fire has but a comparatively minor role in the annual board-foot depletion.

A report from the regional office of the national resources committee estimated that a single year's depletion amounted to 12 and one-half billion board feet of lumber. The lumber industry accounted for ten billion feet and fire, insects and disease the remainder.

A billion feet, reduced to understandable comparisons, are equivalent to 40,000 average carloads of lumber.

Warning Issued

Nature cut her up with the assault on her rich possessions. Normally, she can make replacement.

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2ND FIRE IN WEEK TAKES MAN'S HOME

SALEM, July 23.—(AP)—Fire struck twice this week at Howard Brown of Turner, the second time today when his home was destroyed. Earlier in the week Brown's barn burned.

The Salem fire department, which responded to the call from Turner about 9 o'clock this morning, saved a neighboring house, and about 25 cords of wood that had caught fire. Most of the furniture in Brown's home was saved. Sparks from a chimney are believed to have started the fire.

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Present Heat Wave Promises to Create All-Time Record for July

The present month promises to be the hottest July on record, unless a sudden change brings unusually low temperature for the balance of the month. At present the daily average of maximum temperatures is slightly above that of July, 1906, which previously held the heat record.

The current string of ten successive days of 90 degrees or more, in second only to July, 1917, when there were 12 continuous hot days, but in that period the maximum was 100 degrees, while the present warm weather has brought four days above 100 degrees, three of them reaching 104. However the average of 92.2 degrees for the present 10-day period has been exceeded.

In 1928 there were seven days

HANKOW

If the Japanese can reach the Chinese provincial capital, it may decide the war. A major battle at the key city of Kiukiang is in progress. NEWS-REVIEW wire service will announce the result.

COOL AIR AIDS BUT PERIL NOT YET BANISHED

Siskiyou Forest Situation Still Serious; Northern California Battles Two Bad Fires.

By the Associated Press.

Cooling breezes, wafting dampened air from the Pacific, cut Oregon's smoke cloud and intense heat today. Grimy, weary fire fighters gained in their battles against 170 blazes.

The state, still facing perilous fire conditions in Anderson woods, however, awaited a quenching rain to reopen forest areas west of the Cascades. Forest service areas were open but closely guarded.

A fire which swept over an estimated 20,000 acres on the Smith river in Douglas county burned quietly yesterday, held within its boundaries by lack of wind and laboring fire crews.

Reinforcements from the Warrenton CCC camp stepped into the breach when the 6,000-acre Big creek fire in eastern Clatsop county went out of control on the northeast side, eating its way into green timber.

Rich wooded areas of the Siletz river near Vale, Ore., were threatened last night by a large fire which cut through logged-off land. The Lincoln county fire warden prepared to check its advance toward the coast. Siletz river logging was halted to prevent further losses.

Siskiyou Fires Spread

A fourth uncontrolled fire raged in the Siskiyou national forest today 12 miles west of Agness, isolated mid-Rogue river community. It covered nearly 400 acres, having flared up yesterday afternoon. One hundred and twenty men were assigned to it.

The Chetco fire, estimated at more than 10,000 acres, crossed the Chetco river, moving northwest with 1,000 men fighting it.

The Nome creek blaze, covering 4,000 acres, and the Galice district fire on 1,500 acres had 250 and 550 men respectively.

A new break threatened a further spread of the 1,000-acre Nome.

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DOUGLAS FIREBUG SETS NEW BATCH

The Bland mountain firebug, who during the past three weeks has started more than 40 fires along Daysa creek, was at work again yesterday and set out from 10 to 15 fires in Doe hollow, about two miles from Bland mountain. Fred Southwick, supervising warden of the county fire patrol reported today. The fires were brought under control by a crew which worked all night. About 50 acres of brush land were burned over. A 50-acre fire in the Elkhead district also was reported under control.

No new fires were reported on the Umpqua National forest. Answering an appeal for additional facilities for carrying food and supplies to fire fighters at Powers, the local forest service headquarters last night arranged transportation for the pack string of Guy Fender of Tillamook. Mr. Fender has the packing concession for Plush lake and the South Umpqua district. Trucks belonging to the forest service and W. W. Willis of Canyonville transported nine head of pack animals to the Powers district where desperate efforts are being made to bring a large fire under control.

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