

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 47
Highest temperature yesterday 44
Lowest temperature last night 31
Precipitation for 24 hours 37
Precip. since first of month 2.27
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1928 15.92
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1928 4.74
Snow

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SALES TAX

The plan has again hobbled up in the Oregon legislature, this time as a proposed means of raising funds for relief and aid to the aged. You'll be interested in the details of the bill. Read NEWS-REVIEW wire news.

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ROOSEVELT SIGNS RELIEF BILL; ASKS MORE

Battle With Snow Keeps Main Highways Open

Storm Hits On Both Sides Of Cascades

Plows Busy Cutting Lanes to Accommodate Traffic; Crater Lake Park Road Closed.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 7.—(AP)—The mighty Cascade range lost its distinction today as the traditional barrier between rain and snow when snow descended squalls on the western slope toward the sea and blizzards descended on the snow-capped peaks in the east.

Plows Kept Busy Highway equipment battled a blizzard in the Rogue river valley. Snow ranging in depth from a few inches to a foot was removed from the higher levels of the busy Pacific highway.

Plows were ordered to the Redwood highway near the California

SNOW LASHES EAST, OHIO FLOOD HIGHER

By the Associated Press. Snowstorms lashed the northern Atlantic coast today while rising flood waters of the Ohio valley brought new health and rescue problems.

Pennsylvania health workers said, was the greatest danger in the flood, described by the Kentucky state health commissioner as the worst in the history of the mountains.

Newport, Ky., authorities estimated 600 families had been removed from homes when the water flooded 27 city blocks. Preparations were made for further evacuations.

New England was further by a snowstorm that grounded planes and impeded sea and land traffic. The fall ranged from one to two inches in northern New England to five at Cape Cod.

Colder weather overpread the Mississippi valley and a severe cold wave has hit the northern Rocky Mountain region.

Observations were forecast for most of the middle west tonight and tomorrow.

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT denies heartily that he ever said the American frontier is on the Rhine, or in France, and asserts that reports of his conference with the senate military affairs committee have given an erroneous impression of this nation's policy.

QUESTIONED rather pointedly. He said this nation's foreign policy has not changed and will not be changed. He offered this as his outline of what he believes it to be.

1. Opposition to any entangling alliances. 2. Maintenance of world trade for all nations including ourselves. 3. We are in sympathy with

SALES TAX PLAN REVIVED

All's Ready For Decision On Bond Issue

Completion of Roseburg's Sewer Project Resting on Vote Scheduled for Thursday.

All arrangements have been completed, City Recorder A. J. Geddes reported today, for the special city election to be held between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. Thursday.

Ward No. 1 is located east of Jackson street, north of Oak street, and the polling place is at the county courthouse.

Ward No. 2 takes in all of the city west of Jackson street and north of Lane street. The polling place is the clubhouse of the Roseburg Woman's Club.

Ward No. 3 includes the territory south of Lane street and west of Cobb, Benson and Rose streets. The polling place is the Roseburg Hotel.

Ward No. 4 is south of Oak street and east of Jackson, Cobb, Benson and Cobb streets. The polling place is the city hall.

Election boards have been named for each precinct, ballots have been printed and all election boxes and materials made ready for the task of collecting the vote.

Project Reviewed While the matter of stream purification has been considered for many years, it was not until the federal program of public works was begun that the city took action on a definite plan.

Under the first proposals, negotiated with the Public Works Administration, the city proposed to build the intercepting sewer system and sewage disposal plant and to finance its part of the cost by means of a self liquidating bond, which would have been paid off

by the sale of bonds. The second proposal, which would have been paid off by the sale of bonds, was rejected because it would have required the city to issue bonds for a period of 20 years.

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Defense Bill Prepared For House Action

Proposed Outlay Boosted by Roosevelt; Senate Keeps Up Row Over Secret Meet.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—(AP)—The house military committee sought to wind up its work on the administration's defense legislation today and send the measure to the floor for immediate action.

The bill, embodying major portions of the \$552,000,000 program, would authorize the purchase of \$300,000,000 of new planes, the buying of additional equipment, and the placing of \$252,000,000 in "educational orders."

The latter would enable manufacturers to familiarize themselves with military needs.

In addition to the augmented army plane program, President Roosevelt recommended to congress yesterday it spend an extra \$6,723,000 for aviation research facilities.

The money would supplement the regular appropriation for the national advisory committee of aeronautics. The president suggested \$1,000,000 be used to build a research station at Sunnyvale, Calif., and \$2,140,000 be allotted for extra equipment and facilities at Langley field, Va.

May Break Secrecy In the senate, the hot controversy over the sale of fighting planes to France brought a statement from Senator Nye (R., N. D.) members of the military committee may be "forced" to give their version of what took place at a secret conference last week with

the president. The bill would set up adjustment boards in each district and provide financial assistance in control of aviation. The measure appropriates \$5,000 for the department.

Temple for the deputy superintendent of state police would be provided in a bill prepared by Rep. John Hall. Trial board hearing and appeal from dismissal would be included.

Sen. Dorothy Lee introduced a bill today to authorize counties to establish boards of vocational education to set up vocational schools.

The seven-member boards could be created at county elections. The people also would have to approve a one-half mill tax, which would raise about \$1,000,000 over the entire state.

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Bill Will Be Presented To Legislators

Proposal at Salem Copies Washington Law; Aimed to Raise Funds for Relief, Pensions.

SALEM, Feb. 7.—(AP)—The senate passed and sent to the house today a bill to increase the non-resident fishing license fee from \$3 to \$5.

The bill also passed a resolution by the ways and means committee to make appropriations for fiscal years instead of calendar years.

By PAUL H. HAUSER, JR. SALEM, Feb. 7.—(AP)—A two per cent gross sales tax bill, modeled after the Washington sales tax law, was among three measures awaiting introduction by the house today.

Funds raised would be used for relief and old age assistance. The measure, which provides for issuance of tax tokens by the state, is sponsored by L. D. Nash and Sen. Isaac F. Starbuck.

All retail sales, with a few exceptions including newspaper and subscription sale of newspapers, would be subject to the two per cent tax.

Absorption of the tax or price concessions by merchants would be a misdemeanor. Bi-monthly reports of sales and bi-monthly tax payments to the state tax commission would be required.

Similar measures have been rejected repeatedly by the voters. In 1926 the people turned down a sales tax referendum 187,219 to 22,266.

Other measures include one to establish soil conservation districts and a state soil conservation commission. The bill would set up adjustment boards in each district and provide financial assistance in control of aviation.

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Thanksgiving Day in Catalonia After Rebel Victory



Grateful at any respite from the horrors of war, these Catalonian women kneel in public thanks, giving prayer after insurgent troops seized their city. One of Gen. Franco's victorious soldiers is seen at left.

COUNCIL DISPOSES OF CITY BUSINESS

Reservists Get Permit for "Defense" Program; Tax Diversion Favored.

The Roseburg city council, following a routine business session last night, adjourned until 9 a. m. Friday at which time it will meet to canvass the vote from Thursday's special election. Residents of the city will vote Thursday on a proposed \$25,000 bond issue to be used in conjunction with the WPA in construction of a sewage disposal plant.

At last night's meeting the council granted the request of the local chapter of reserve officers for permission to use the fire station as a signal in connection with a city-wide blackout in simulating an air raid. Permission also was granted to shut off street lights and to halt automobile traffic briefly.

A special committee, composed of Councilman E. B. Hobbie and City Attorney E. J. Eddy, was named to investigate a claim made by Edward Cobb for adjustment of property titles on foreclosed lands in the south part of town.

A communication from the state highway department asking the city to take over maintenance of flood lights on the Stephens street highway was tabled.

Tax Division Favored A resolution was adopted urging the state legislature to allocate a portion of gasoline tax receipts to cities, and copies are to be sent to the county commission.

An ordinance to vacate six lots belonging to E. S. Bolinger and to place in Hamilton's addition was placed on first and second readings.

Appointments Approved Appointment by Mayor A. J. Young of Evan Pickens, R. L. Whipple, D. R. Busby, L. E. McClintock and Donaldson E. B. Metzger to compose the city buying commission was approved by the council.

The mayor's appointment of Harry E. Edgerton as city engineer also was approved, as was his proposal that City Recorder A. J. Geddes be made registration officer in connection with future elections.

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SPANISH PREMIER REFUSES TO YIELD

Negrin Plans to Continue Resistance in Spite of Rout of Army.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—(AP)—The Spanish government embassy announced today the embassy of Premier Juan Negrin would proceed to Valencia "before the end of this week" and "continue resistance to the end."

The announcement made no mention of negotiations at the French-Spanish border for peace in the two and one-half year-old Spanish civil war but indicated at least a temporary refusal of the insurgent demand the government surrender unconditionally.

British foreign office officials said Great Britain and France were considering recognition of the insurgent regime of General Franco as the sole official government of Spain. They said unless Franco is recognized, the two nations would look entirely to their own interests.

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The directors also voted to request the county court to assemble material for an exhibit at the state fair and the Pacific Live Stock exposition.

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Secretary Harding reported he had written Herbert Byers, manager of the Northwestern Turkey Growers, requesting that the association would plan for a small paper weight using a turkey emblem.

ROSEBURG WILL BID FOR CONVENTIONS

I. O. O. F., Legion, Reserve Officers Wanted in '40, C. of C. Announces.

Roseburg will invite the state conventions of Odd Fellows, the American Legion and the reserve officers association to this city in 1940, directors of the Roseburg chamber of commerce announced today, following the regular meeting held last night.

Secretary W. C. Harding was instructed to forward invitations to each of the organizations at their meetings this year.

Considerable discussion was given the matter of the recent formation of the Pacific highway association, and it was voted to hold a formal luncheon the latter part of March at which time the secretary of the association will be invited to attend. It was reported that the association is preparing a highway advertising folder to be distributed at the San Francisco fair.

Projects Approved Chamber of commerce approval was given the \$25,000 sewage disposal plant bond issue, to be voted upon Thursday, the finance committee of the city council, starting Feb. 16 and the H. H. Clark Market day program, cooperation being planned in each of these activities.

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Additional 150 Million Held Needed

WPA Emergency Exists, Congress Advised in Plea for Funds for Next 5 Months.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—(AP)—President Roosevelt told congress today an "emergency" exists in relief and asked "immediate consideration" of an additional appropriation of \$150,000,000 for WPA for the next five months.

This figure represents the cut congress made in his request for \$375,000,000 to carry WPA from February through June. The white house announced earlier the president had signed the \$775,000,000 bill last Saturday.

Mr. Roosevelt said in a message to congress that with only \$725,000,000 available, WPA either must reduce its rolls abruptly on April 1 by 1,000,000 persons or begin on that date a week-by-week reduction which by June 30 would drop employment from a present 3,000,000 to "a figure well below 1,500,000 persons."

"In other words," the president said, "the program of present employment would be slashed considerably more than one-half within a period of three months."

"If, however, proper reserves were maintained at the end of the fiscal year, employment at the end of June would drop still further—to a figure of only slightly more than 1,000,000 persons."

"Therefore, on a program of gradual reduction from 3,000,000 to 2,000,000 persons would be brought out of work progress administration employment—or, with the addition of those dependent on them, from 6,000,000 to 5,000,000 Americans would no longer receive federal government aid."

Discussing the prohibition written into the relief bill against reducing WPA rolls by more than five per cent during February and March, Mr. Roosevelt said:

"The chief executive said he would have withheld approval of the \$725,000,000 bill on grounds of inadequacy to meet human need had congress not included the five per cent cut limitation."

"This provision," the president declared, "leads to the conclusion the congress stands ready during the balance of February and the month of March to reconsider actual needs in time to increase before April 1 the appropriation for the last three months of the fiscal year."

"The need of these people is so apparent and so deserving that the rolls, in human decency ought not to be reduced during February and March by even 5 per cent. After conferences with the WPA it has been determined for the above reason to hold the rolls at the present figure of 3,000,000 persons during these two months."

"Emergency" Detailed Mr. Roosevelt said the "facts" constituting an emergency were as follows:

1.—That the WPA rolls should be held at their present 3,000,000 through February and March to prevent undue suffering and to care for persons certified as in need but have not been given employment.

2.—That the \$725,000,000, if not supplemented, will require a "very drastic reduction" in the rolls starting beyond that could be absorbed in industry, resulting in widespread want and distress.

3.—The need for "orderly" planning of the relief program requires the administrator should know by early March what funds will be at his disposal after April 1, and due to the time required

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Honesty of Little Boy Restores Lost Purse to Owner

An 8-year-old boy had "folded" money today, while R. L. (Freddy) of the Fullerton Candy Company had a feeling of deep gratitude and relief.

Richard yesterday lost a purse containing \$250, of which \$122 was in currency and the balance in checks. The purse, dropped on Jackson street, was found by Edwin Harvey, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Harvey. The boy took the purse to the Eastern grocery, the manager of which located Mrs. Richard and returned the money to his owner, who rewarded the boy's honesty with a gift of \$5.