

**THE WEATHER**  
Humidity 4:30 a. m. yesterday 31  
Highest temperature yesterday 68  
Lowest temperature last night 42  
Precipitation for 24 hours 0  
Precip. since first of month 0  
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1938 22.95  
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1938 8.27  
Fair and Warmer.

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**TWO  
SECTIONS  
TODAY**

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## HOUSE VOTES DOWN TOWNSEND PLAN BILL

### AT END OF TRACK



Top—Showing end of grade on North Umpqua road about 4000 feet up river from new bridge across the river. Three and one-half miles beyond here will open the road to Diamond lake. Below—New bridge finished last month by Steamboat CCC workers providing passage for equipment to complete the unfinished portion.

### County Audit Shows Gain In Finances

**Treasury Shows Balance of \$134,609, With No Debt; Conduct of Business Given Praise.**

Douglas county is in a very fortunate financial position with no debt and a substantial cash balance, according to the annual audit report for the year 1938, filed today by W. H. Wann, who, with A. R. Collier, has made a complete check of the financial records of county offices, covering operations of the past year.

All records, the auditors report, were found in good condition, and the various officers were given credit for efficient conduct of county's financial business.

The county started the year 1938 with a cash balance of \$65,372.86 and at the end of the year had \$134,609.09 on hand, a gain of \$71,236.23, the report shows.

"And I pause to state that where a county has no bonded debt, no warrants outstanding and a net working balance of \$134,609.09 in cash, coupled with a low tax levy and a tax collection in excess of 100 per cent, what more could an auditor desire?" Mr. Wann comments in submitting his statement.

#### Suggests Investments

Discussing the question of the application of a part of the unexpended balance Mr. Wann suggests that at least a part of cash surplus should be invested in interest bearing certificates of deposit, pending a time when a failure of tax revenue or other circumstance made such a reserve a necessity.

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### POULTRY FIRMS TO CHANGE LOCATIONS

Two of Roseburg's poultry firms will change locations over the weekend. The Roseburg Poultry company will move from its present quarters at Jackson and Court streets to the Curry building on South Stephens street, and the Valley Produce company, located at Main and Washington streets, in the Pace Lumber company building, will move to the location vacated by the Roseburg Poultry company.

The Curry building, located at the south city limits on the highway, also accommodates a Gilmore service station, which will be continued in operation at that location by A. D. Schork, manager of the Roseburg Poultry company. The company will move out of its present location Saturday. The building to be occupied is soon to be moved in order to make way for highway improvements, and at that time will undergo remodeling.

The Valley Produce company, owned and operated by M. H. Shook, will move Sunday to the property on Jackson and Court streets and will be open for business in the new location Monday. Considerable remodeling is planned, Mr. Shook reports.

### MURDER SUSPECT HELD IN EUGENE

EUGENE, Ore., June 1.—(AP)—Frank McKinley Padden of San Diego was arrested at Blue River on the McKenzie highway last night by Sheriff Tom Schwartz shortly after a murder charge was placed against him at San Diego.

Schwartz said Padden would be held here for San Diego authorities. He had been visiting in the McKenzie valley.

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### TREMORS ARE FELT IN OKLAHOMA CITIES

TULSA, Okla., June 1.—(AP)—Several eastern Oklahoma cities felt earth tremors strong enough to jar buildings early today but no damage was reported.

Scores of Tulsans were awakened shortly before 2 a. m. by a tremor and observer said lasted "six or seven seconds." It was noticed in apartment buildings and upper floors of houses.

### Three May Die As Result Of School Blast

**30 of 57 Injured in the Explosion Are In Hospitals; Many Badly Hurt.**

BARBERTON, O., June 1.—(AP)—Two small children and a janitor were given severely a fighting chance to survive injuries received when an explosion, apparently caused by gas, demolished a makeshift frame school building.

Doctors described as serious the condition of four others, including a teacher. Thirty-one of the 57 injured were confined in hospitals.

The blast occurred at mid-afternoon yesterday, blowing out walls and buckling floors of the two-story, eight room structure, a residence converted last fall into a temporary school for first to fifth grade pupils.

Those near death were "first graders" Dorothy Young, 6, and Frances Fisher, 7, both injured about the head and body, and P. S. White, 58, janitor, critically burned. Seriously hurt were Ray Clemens, 7, internal injuries; Lucinda Williams, 7, negro, burns; Mary Mattingly, 7, possible skull fracture, and Miss Mabelle Miller, 35, 1-B teacher, fractured leg and ribs and arm.

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### BRITISH CITIZEN HELD BY JAPANESE

**Tension Between 2 Nations Serious; Chinese Also Demanded.**

SHANGHAI, June 1.—(AP)—British-Japanese tension increased today as British embassy officials disclosed they feared a second British diplomatic officer was detained by the Japanese army in north China.

The officer, Lieutenant Cooper, left Peking May 25 to investigate the detention by Japanese of Kai-san of Lieutenant Colonel Spear, British military attaché in China. British officials believed Spear was held to give Japanese an opportunity to examine maps of Chinese-controlled areas which he had gathered.

Further difficulty in British-Japanese relations arose in Tientsin when Japanese military officials handed the British consul general there a demand giving him until noon June 7 to hand over a Chinese alleged to have killed Chung Shikang, commissioner of the Japanese-controlled customs administration in the British concessions last April.

The British contention is that no evidence has been produced to link the man in custody with the slaying.

Britons in Tientsin said the demand, which was called a "virtual ultimatum," made in threats but said in effect that "unless the assassin is handed over by the appointed time, it will be assumed you don't intend to."

### LONDON MUM ON G.O.P. 1940 HOPES

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 1.—(AP)—Former Governor Alfred M. Landon of Kansas predicted today a republican victory in 1940 but declined to discuss republican presidential candidates.

"If we once started discussing candidates," he said during a brief stopover here, "we should have to call the whole roll. Everyone can see there is a definite republican trend which will bring victory in 1940 and under those circumstances you never have much difficulty in getting a good candidate."

The 1936 presidential nominee said he intends to attend an informal conference of New England governors at Mount Mansfield, Vt., June 5, but did not expect to discuss with Vermont's governor George D. Aiken any specific plans for consolidating liberal forces within the republican party.

Landon said his main purpose for the trip was to give the commencement address at Boston university, June 12. Meanwhile, he plans some fishing in New York and off the coast of Maine.

### German Liner With 917 Jews Held in Port

**Mass Suicide Is Feared as Admission to Cuba Is Denied; One Tried.**

HAVANA, Cuba, June 1.—(AP)—Captain Gustav Schroeder announced today postponement of the departure of the German liner Saint Louis in the hope permission could be obtained to land 917 German Jewish passengers who have been denied entrance to Cuba.

The vessel had been scheduled to start back to Germany this afternoon.

Police launches and aboard ship meanwhile kept close guard at the request of the captain who said he feared a series of suicide attempts among the passengers.

The ship's representative was instructed to deliver a memorandum signed by women and children aboard the Saint Louis to the wife of President Federico Laredo Bru requesting her aid in seeking permission for all to land.

One refugee slashed his wrists and jumped overboard Tuesday. He was rescued, but Captain Gustav Schroeder informed authorities he feared a "collective suicide pact" was being considered and declared that a "state of mutiny" might result if he were forced to take the Jews back to Germany.

They were refused permission to land when they could not show Cuban consular visas, passports and Cuban labor department permits. They carried only provisional permits of the immigration department to land as travelers en route to the United States where they hoped to gain admission later.

The Cuban cabinet considered the matter yesterday, but it was understood President Laredo Bru made today a decision the refugees would not be received.

The French steamer Santo Domingo, meanwhile arrived at the port of Santiago de Cuba with nine Jews who were held in the immigration camp, Cayo Juan, following orders sent from Havana.

### FORMER OREGONIAN FOR TREASURY JOB

WASHINGTON, June 1.—(AP)—Herbert E. Gaston of Oregon and New York was nominated by President Roosevelt today to be an assistant secretary of the treasury.

Gaston, who has been serving as a special assistant to Secretary Morgenthau, would succeed Wayne Taylor, fiscal assistant secretary, who resigned about six months ago.

Gaston will be 58 years old in August. He is a native of Halsey, Ore., and came to Washington after serving with the New York conservation commission at Albany.

He was interested for many years in the Non-Partisan league movement in North Dakota and was editor of the Non-Partisan Leader at Fargo, N. D. From 1922 to 1931 he was associated with the New York World.

When Henry Morgenthau Jr. became conservation commissioner of New York state, he made Gaston deputy, and later brought Gaston to Washington as his deputy when Morgenthau became governor of the farm credit administration.

He has been an assistant to Morgenthau since Morgenthau came to the treasury, and has been in charge of public relations. Officials said his new duties have not been definitely determined.

### CROWD GOING TO RED CROSS MEETING

A delegation of 25 or more members from Roseburg and a large group of visitors from Marshfield will attend the annual meeting of Douglas county chapter of the American Red Cross at Reedport Sunday, Edna Brown, executive secretary, reported here today.

The meeting is to be held in conjunction with a luncheon at noon at Legion hall in Reedport.

The principal speaker will be Judge George Roseman, associate justice of the Oregon supreme court. Others who will appear on the program are Miss Helen Peters, San Francisco, nursing secretary, and Dr. A. Floyd Gardner, San Francisco, who is conducting first aid classes in Douglas county.

### Tops Midshipmen At U. S. Academy



After receiving the highest marks in his class, Midshipman Louis Harry Roddis, Jr., above, of St. Paul, Minn., graduated number one honor man from the United States naval academy at Annapolis.

### BOY SCOUTS IN NEED OF CAMP FEE AID

**Residents Asked to Help With Work or Cash Donations.**

An appeal to residents of Douglas county to aid Boy Scouts in securing funds to attend the annual scout camp to be held at Wolf creek, July 30 to August 13, was made today by the camp committee, following a dinner meeting at the Umpqua hotel Wednesday evening.

There are a great many scouts who desire to attend the camp, but who lack the necessary funds. R. L. Russell, county chairman, reported today. Each scout will be required to pay \$10 for the two-week camp period to cover cost of food and camp expenses.

A large number of boys come from homes where families cannot afford to give material help toward the fee required, and it will be necessary for these boys to secure aid from some other source, Mr. Russell stated.

The committee, he reports, urges that, insofar as possible, assistance be given by furnishing scouts with odd jobs through which they may

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### WILL OPEN OFFICE TO AID MOTORISTS

For the convenience of Douglas county motorists who have not yet received their drivers' licenses, the state motor vehicle department at Salem today announced an office will be opened in Roseburg next Monday where applications will be accepted.

All drivers' permits expire June 30 and must be renewed by that time, it is explained. A renewal fee of \$1 will be required.

R. R. Brand, principal of the Roseburg junior high school, has been appointed to take charge of the office which will be maintained as long as needed. Motorists may secure application blanks and will be given assistance in filling out the forms at the office, which will be located in the court house, and the fee may be paid to Mr. Brand. The new licenses will be mailed from Salem.

### Oddities Off the Press Wire

(By the Associated Press)

**Absolved**

CHARLESTON, S. C.—Goldfish disappeared so fast from the post office park fountain pool that almost every college student was under suspicion.

A guard was set and the culprit caught in the act of gulping. It wasn't a college boy, but a bird with a name like a college yell—a skeew, member of the heron family.

**Sunken Treasurer**

STRATTON, Neb.—Two years ago a Republican river bridge collapsed in a rain storm, dropping the automobile carrying Mrs. W. H. Hall of Stratton into the water. She was rescued but lost her purse containing \$195.

### Pension Plan Killed Under Big Majority

**Attempt to Send Back to Committee Halted; Mott Decries Vote; Relief Eyed.**

WASHINGTON, June 1.—(AP)—The Townsend old age pension bill was crushed in the house today by an overwhelming vote—392 to 97. Just before the final vote, a loud chorus of noes quelled an effort by Representative Treadway (R-Mass.) to send the bill back to committee.

Treadway, ranking republican on the ways and means committee, proposed that the legislation be returned to that group for further consideration with a view to bringing forth a bill that would provide "just and equitable pensions" for elderly persons "on a pay as you go basis."

#### Study WPA Rolls

Members of a house committee seeking to revise the relief system said today they were working on a formula to clear WPA rolls of un-deserving persons.

One member said between 25 and 30 per cent of WPA employees did not have a legitimate relief status. President Roosevelt has said publicly only five per cent of those on the rolls had no right there.

Committeemen insisted, by the way, not contemplating anything in the nature of "payless vacations," although they said persons dropped from the rolls might be restored if they could show a certificate of need from a bona fide welfare organization. Persons on the rolls longest probably would be the first dropped, it was said.

Rep. Woodrum (D-Va.), acting chairman of the appropriations subcommittee in charge of the relief measure, flatly declined to divulge

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### EAGLES SURPASS MEMBERSHIP QUOTA

Roseburg Aerie of the Eagles lodge last night went "over the top" in membership, adding a total of 103 names to the roster during the fiscal year, which closed last night, as compared with a quota of 96. A report on the achievement was sent to headquarters by air mail.

Officers of the lodge worked until after midnight obligating a large class in honor of Earl McCoy, outgoing president, who presided in his official capacity for the last time.

Voted into membership last night were Eric A. Dubell, Hye Wilson, D. O. Broadlove, E. C. Wimberly, Arley Parks, L. E. Bennett, Andy W. Sjogren, Jack Tol, M. M. Gomes, Harry W. Stowell, C. R. McAlpine, Charles Gloss, Wm. E. Denhoff. Obligations were conferred upon Charles Plorot, L. E. Bennett, Jack Tol, Harry Stowell, Harold Barker, Fred Hargis, M. M. Gomes, E. C. Wimberly, H. G. Althaus, W. Sjogren, Wm. Moor, D. M. Lawson, Claude Patterson, Layton Barker, Wm. Denhof, Earl Long, Richard Reed, Wm. Unruh, Edw. Walton, Paul Simpson, Charles Wær.

During the business session action was taken on several routine matters relative to the forthcoming state convention to be held here, and the local convention committee, composed of Dr. H. B. Scofield, Wally Rapp, Earl McCoy and Paul Pussow, was authorized to visit the Medford lodge in the interests of the state meeting.

### Belated Honors

WAYNE, Neb.—Graduating with honors from Wayne state teachers college is Mrs. Elsie Hall Coury, 34-year-old mother of three.

Mrs. Coury, who last attended Wayne in 1924, explained "when my last baby was born I determined to go back to college."

### Week Daze

DANVILLE, Va.—Rayfield Friday, arrested Saturday, convicted Monday, started serving a sentence Tuesday for violation of the liquor laws.