

Be Nonchalant About the Water in Your Basement. Be Thankful You're Not Awaiting a Boat to Rescue You From a Wet Grave, as California Residents Did.

THE WEATHER
Humidity 43.9 p. m. yesterday 64%
Highest temperature yesterday 61
Lowest temperature last night 50
Precipitation for 24 hours 1.47
Precip. since first of month 8.73
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1939 23.29
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1939 23
Occasional Rain.

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WAR
Proposed British military aid for Finland, together with hatches dribbling in now, indicate that Russia may soon find herself forced to fight a defensive war. And that won't help Hitler & Co. Follow NEWS-REVIEW news.

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CLOUDBURST SENDS FLOOD INTO BERKELEY

French Down Two German Scouting Planes

Loss 2nd Of Kind for Nazis In Two Days

British Planes Stage Another Flight Over Berlin; Dutch Anti-Aircraft Guns Blaze Away at Alien Bombers.

PARIS, Feb. 28.—(AP)—The downing of two German planes which took part in massed German flights over France during the past 48 hours was announced today by the French high command.
These were in addition to two other German planes—Heinkel bombers—which the British announced yesterday they had shot down on their eastern coast after the German fliers had crossed France and the English channel.
The French did not reveal whether their pursuit planes or anti-aircraft batteries were responsible for the two enemy craft destroyed over France.
(The British air ministry announced yesterday two German planes had been shot down, but did not say the time in the afternoon, so the French report apparently concerned a later engagement.)
Aerial Activity Increases
The French also reported allied planes had penetrated deep into Germany on scouting expeditions yesterday and last night.
Considerable firing by French anti-aircraft batteries was directed at mass German squadrons which flew over Paris area Monday night. Six Parisians were wounded by one anti-aircraft shell.
The French said both sides had made deep incursions into enemy territory dropping incendiary bombs. Clearing weather released great number of aviation units which had been grounded during the winter.
German planes were particularly active over eastern and northern France, pushing in as far as the Paris region, the French said.
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G. O. P. Triumph in Ohio Hailed by Party Guide as National Trend Evidence

By the Associated Press
Two republican congressional victories in Ohio were hailed by Republican Chairman John Hamilton today as pointing toward a democratic defeat in the November election.
"The republicans take the first blood of 1940," Hamilton said through national headquarters in Washington. "This confirms the trend we have contended has been running since 1938."
J. Harry McGregor, republican, won by nearly 5,000 votes the seat of the late William A. Ashbrook, democrat, in the 17th Ohio district. McGregor's opponent was the late representative's nephew, Byron H. Ashbrook.
The other victory marked no increase in republican congressional seats, for Mrs. Chester C. Bolton of Cleveland was elected to the place held by her late husband. She defeated Anthony A. Fieger, democrat, by more than 16,000.
McGregor's election will "stimulate" party morale and be "a severe blow to new dealers and the third term ambitions of the president," Ed D. Schorr, republican chairman, predicted. The new deal was a clear-cut issue in the district, represented by a democratic congressman in 23 of the last 32 years.
McGler, Parma attorney, defeated by socially prominent Mrs. Bolton, mother of three sons, rode the Roosevelt landslide of 1936. He was the only democrat ever to represent the district since it was formed in 1914. He lost his seat in 1938 to Chester C. Bolton, who died Oct. 29.
Mrs. Bolton will be the seventh woman member of congress. The election of her and McGregor gave Ohio 16 house republicans and eight democrats and increased to 168 total republican representation in the 435-member house. There are seven vacancies.
Demo Forces Unite
The third term question continued to dominate political developments in democratic ranks.
Frank McFale, campaign manager for Paul V. McNutt, said last night at Indianapolis that McNutt's friends were working with President Roosevelt's supporters in filing delegate slates for the national convention.
He said that Roosevelt and McNutt backers had joined forces in New Hampshire, Wisconsin, Oregon and Nebraska and a similar tie-up would be effected in Florida.
"If President Roosevelt isn't the candidate, you can rest assured (Continued on page 6)

Finland Loan Bill Wins In House Vote

Measure Now Goes to Senate for Action on Changes, One of Which Aims at Nations Defaulting on Bonds.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—(AP)—The house passed today a bill to give the export-import bank another \$100,000,000 capital, partly for a \$20,000,000 loan to Finland. The vote was 168 to 51. As finally approved it was a revised version of the bill passed recently by the senate.
Thus it will have to go back to the senate for action on amendments. One amendment would prevent the export-import bank from using any of the \$100,000,000 for loans to nations in default on their war debts. The only other one would permit Finland or any other borrower to use the proceeds of a loan in purchasing commercial aircraft.
The house consistently turned down efforts to limit the export-import bank capital increase to the amount of the proposed Finnish loan. Efforts to insert a provision ordering the bank to make the Finnish loan also were unsuccessful. Although the bill does not require that such a loan be granted, Jesse Jones, federal loan administrator, had indicated Finland would get the money without delay.
Arms Buy Banned
The house refused to eliminate restrictions against military uses (Continued on page 6)

Advocates Of Pensions Seek Action Unity

Five-County Conference Dated in Roseburg in Line With Plan to Coordinate Work on Various Proposals.

A five-county conference, sponsored by the Oregon Pension Federation, is to be held in Roseburg on Saturday, March 2. It was announced today. Delegates are expected from pension groups of Coos, Curry, Jackson, Josephine and Douglas counties. The sessions will start at 10 a. m.
The Roseburg meeting is one of eight regional conferences being sponsored by the federation in various parts of the state for the purpose of coordinating pension activity within the state.
United Action Sought.
Coordination of pension efforts is necessary in order to avoid confusion from submission of a number of conflicting measures, the federation states in its bulletin, which recites various proposals as follows:
"Among the measures now proposed for the 1940 ballot are: One that provides for the levying of a gross income tax to be used in part for old age pensions; another for the levying of a retail sales tax to be used for the financing of old age pensions exclusively; a third asks for \$100,000 appropriation with which to start a civil service retirement system with retirement pensions for state employees only; a fourth measure (Continued on page 6)

Luckless Lover Chains Himself



Really a slave of love was Melvin Mueller, 30, part time preacher of St. Louis, Mo., who climbed a 12-year-old courtyard of Miss Edith Perkins by chaining himself to a tree near her home for three days. Arrested, he went on hunger strike and refused to eat until Miss Perkins would bring him food.

Torrent Inflicts Damage Of \$100,000 in Sudden Blow At California University City

New Downpour Increases Loss at Martinez but Elsewhere in State Conditions Appear Eased; Redding, Napa and Santa Cruz Areas Hardest Hit; Legislative Session Planned to Give Aid; 3,000 Homeless.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—(AP)—A cloudburst sent three raging streams down on Berkeley, Calif., early today and within 10 minutes caused damage estimated at \$100,000.
Harry Goodrich, city engineer of Berkeley, estimated the damage and said the most severely hit sections just north of the campus of the University of California "look like they had been hit by an earthquake."

Ashland Suffers Most From Storm

Swollen Creeks Deal Damage to City; Wind Fells Poles, Trees at Grants Pass.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 28.—(AP)—Flood waters and a sudden wind storm harassed rain-soaked Oregon today.
Ashland, where swollen Ashland and Bear creeks washed out two bridges and a section of the Canyon road, was the hardest hit. Damage was estimated at several thousand dollars within the city watershed.
A crew of 24 men worked throughout the night sandbagging diversion dams. The city's main sewer and water supply dam was safe but its 800 acre-foot capacity was overtaxed and flood waters swirled over the top. Parts of Lillith park, inside the city limits, were under water.
The Bear creek bottom lands were under several feet of water and the Mountain avenue bridge was gone. North of the city, the Charles Koyle house was swept off its foundations and against surrounding trees. A torrent poured through the four-foot high windows of the Chateau night club. The Jackson hot springs cabins were surrounded by flood waters. Over an inch of rain fell on Ashland in the night.
A sudden gust of wind moved down trees and power poles at Grants Pass, cutting off electricity for 45 minutes. Schools on one street were ordered to hold children indoors until a maze of interlacing power poles could be cut away. Two houses were hit by toppling trees.
A bakery truck driver was frightened and unhurt by a momentary ball of fire which en- (Continued on page 6)

Strawberry creek, which runs through the University of California campus, swept into the business section tearing stocks from shelves, overturning showcases, upsetting a refrigerator and carrying one automobile on its crest for half a block.
The flash flood burst through the floors of four business buildings at Euclid and Hearst avenue, near the north gate of the campus, and raised havoc with everything within four feet of the floor.
Another stream raced down Euclid avenue tearing away a block of hillside, piling dirt over yards and against houses. A four-car garage was torn down and the slide crashed into a riding academy stable injuring some of the 22 horses stabled there.
Police rescued Mrs. Rose Loschinsky and her two-year-old child, Eugene, after four feet of debris crashed into her home.
Torrent Hits Martinez
A torrential rain falling at the rate of 2 inches an hour, added further to the flood damage at Martinez today and caused closing of schools.
In three main streets through the town—Alhambra Ave., Castro street, and Las Juntas street—water was rushing three feet deep.
Business was suspended in the downtown area. Most of the stores were awash with mud and debris. A foot of yellow water, and floors were littered with mud and debris. The Southern Pacific railroad tracks, downhill from the main business district, were flooded to a depth of two feet over a half-mile area as the waters formed a huge lake.
3,000 Forced From Homes
Meanwhile rivers and creeks in the rich Sacramento valley ran at flood stage but prospects of several days of fair weather brought hope that an extremely critical situation would be averted.
Already, through many parts of northern California, floods had forced some 3,000 persons from their homes and caused property and crop damage of hundreds of thousands of dollars.
The federal weather bureau said two or three days of good weather was probable before another storm would hit.
Torrential rains of unseasonable warmth poured down on the mountain snow, flushing it into the already deluged valleys.
Redding Short of Water
Redding's water system was submerged by flood and the city is- (Continued on page 6)

Finland Continues Desperate Defense

Russian Forces Pressing for Further Gains; Losses in Planes and Tanks Heavy.

HELSINKI, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Finnish bombing planes continue to strike at Russian communications and troop concentrations while land forces have repelled continued Red army attempts to follow up its advantage on the Karelian Isthmus. The Finnish army's daily communique said today.
The communique, however, gave but little indication of the extent of the isthmus fighting, which was believed to be raging unrelentingly in intensity.
Observers along the Norwegian border in the north said a new Soviet army offensive had reached Nautal, some 75 miles south of the Arctic circle, after driving the Finns back eight miles.
Every building in Nautal was ablaze at the end of a day's vicious fighting both in the air and on the ground.
The Finnish high command in only a brief reference to Russia's important drive on Viipuri on the Karelian Isthmus said the "Soviet suffered heavily" in fighting in which the Finnish troops "fought defensive actions."
The Finns said that they repulsed Russian attempts to advance northeast of Lake Ladoga and that "operations against surrounded enemy positions continued" at Kuhmo, further north.
Finnish sources also announced 521 Russian planes have been shot down since the start of the war. They also announced 1,320 Russian tanks had been destroyed or captured. Many were said to have been repaired and used by the Finns.
Citizens who contribute jewelry to national air defense funds will be given iron rings in exchange, the Finns announced. The rings will carry the image of a fighting plane.
Klamath Falls Negro Freed in Wife's Killing
KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Earl Williams, 44-year-old negro accused in the shotgun death of his common law wife, Zeola, was acquitted of manslaughter charges last night by a circuit court jury.
When the verdict was read, the negro, who had earlier made a sobbing denial of his guilt on the witness stand, asked Circuit Judge Edward B. Ashurst if he might remain another night in his county jail cell as he had no other place to stay.
Williams had been held since Armistice day when Zeola was mortally wounded by a shotgun blast as he attempted to remove his gun from their roadside dugout which had caught fire.

Whiskey Output Decrease Ordered

Britain Needs More Grain to Feed Livestock; Contents of Sausages at Issue.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Food Minister W. S. Morrison announced today that Britain's whiskey production must be cut to one-third in 1940 because of the shortage of grain for livestock.
Similarly, he said, consumption of sugar by breweries must be reduced 30 per cent.
The restriction of whiskey production was said in informed quarters to be unlikely to affect the price or supply of whiskey for several years.
Breweries will be permitted to continue production at last year's level in spite of the smaller supply of sugar.
Emergency meetings of butchers today demanded postponement of meat rationing, which has been set for March 11, because of the existing controversy over distribution.
Morrison also told the house of commons that the meat content and the price of sausages will soon be a matter for the British government's decision.
Seeking reassurance on this point, Labor Member R. Sorenson remarked, when the house broke into laughter, "however humorous the subject might seem, it is far from humorous when working people paid for sausages and found they had bought a large proportion of bread."
Morrison replied that the people still have the protection of the food and drug act.
Food Limit Admitted
Germany has learned the lesson of the last war and kept her doors open to Russia, Italy and Rumania for supplies, David Lloyd George, world war prime minister, declared today, while "frankly in respect of food we are not so well off as we were last time for a long way."
Addressing the national defense and public interest committee he urged the government to "make it clear" that air attacks on civilians would bring retaliation.
"There is one thing I want to say as an old war prime minister," he continued, "better a long war than a mean go-out."

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



C. A. (DERT) CHAMBERLIN, Roseburg contractor and builder, as he stood at the radial cutoff and saw saw set up at the scene of a new home he is building in Lawnswood.
Mr. Chamberlin has been in the contracting business here for the past twenty-seven years, and in that time has erected hundreds of Roseburg homes and business structures. The residence at which he is pictured above is one of five he now has under contract.
Within the past year or so he has built the Rose and Felleron schools, the Episcopal church, the Catholic school in Roseburg, and the Canyonville union high school. Incidentally, about a year and a half ago, he remodelled the Steyer building and half the ground floor of the Medical Arts building, for occupancy by the News-Review.
Aside from his contracts, he is erecting a new home for himself at Court and Pitzer streets, which will be completed within the month.
His building operations call for the maximum employment of twenty-five men. He furnishes all equipment, except trucks.
"What are some of the travails of a building contractor?" he echoed to a query of mine. "Well, you try to name one."
"Well, I'd say (with a heavy sigh) that one would be the tendency of your clients to urge you, as a last-minute decision, to change the plans you contracted for, to something else and, possibly, more expensive."
"That often is done," Bert replied, "and it is of course rather trying. But really the most inconvenient feature of the building game is the inability always to secure the materials needed; and, weather conditions."
"By using ingenuity gained from long experience, a contractor may prepare for possible delays in delivery of materials, but nothing will insure him against the handicap of inclement weather. In case of public buildings, when a time limit is set on completion of the contract, severe weather may prove disastrous."

National Status Sought For Vets' Cemetery Here

A bill which would make a national cemetery of the veterans' cemetery at Roseburg is to be prepared and introduced in congress by Senator Charles L. McNary, according to word received here today. The proposal was recommended by the local camp of Spanish-American war veterans.
Designation of the burial plot as a national cemetery, it is stated, would carry an annual appropriation for maintenance and would make other slight alterations in rules pertaining to use of the cemetery for veterans.
Schooner in Distress Off Northern California
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—(AP)—The lumber schooner Claremont, with a crew of 24 men aboard, was reported in distress today off Pt. St. George, near Crescent City, on the northern California coast.
The Union Oil tanker L. P. St. Claire, which broadcast the call for help for the distressed schooner, and the coast guard cutter Shawnee were standing by.
The Claremont was bound from Grays Harbor, Wash., to San Francisco with a full cargo of lumber, including a deck load. She was under the command of Captain A. H. Brix. The schooner, a craft of 712 net tons in the service of the Hartwood Lumber company of San Francisco, has operated in the coastwise lumber trade since 1918.
Crater Lake Fishing Charge Is Abolished
WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—(AP)—The national parks service decided yesterday not to charge for fishing privileges in Crater Lake, Ore., Rep. Horton (R., Wyo.) announced.
The service issued the order some time ago but decided to cancel it because of numerous protests.

Rich Succeeds Drager as Treasurer of Marion

SALEM, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Lawyer Rich succeeds Drager as Marion county treasurer by the county court yesterday after he was convicted of larceny of public funds.
Rich was deputy treasurer.

Fire Levels Buildings in Loochoo Island Capital

TOKYO, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Many buildings were destroyed by a fire which raged all day today in Naha, capital of the Loochoo Island group, southwest of Japan proper. The fire originated from two explosions of gasoline stores in waterfront warehouses.
Naha is a city of 70,000 population.

Storm Erases Roseburg Rainfall Deficiency; Highways Still Open

A seasonal rainfall deficiency for Roseburg and vicinity of 4.81 inches, as of Feb. 1, was wiped out today and precipitation reports moved into the surplus column as a result of extremely heavy downpours for the past 24 hours. The local station of the U. S. weather bureau reported 1.15 inches rainfall for the 24-hour period ending at 4:30 a. m. today, while continued precipitation, it was stated, indicated more than one inch for the ensuing 24 hours. Total rainfall for the month up to the 4:30 a. m. reading was 8.73 inches as compared with a normal for February of 4.14 inches. The highest February precipitation record was 12.19 inches in 1904.
No reports of serious damage had been received in Roseburg this morning. The division office of the state highway department reported all roads open, although flood waters were near the bypass in several low sections. Slides are anticipated on the Roseburg-Coos Bay highway if rain continue and crews are strategically stationed. It is reported, to meet possible emergencies.
A severe storm is raging in the high Cascades, according to word received at the local office of the United States National Forest. The report from Diamond Lake stated a blizzard, driven by a strong southwest wind. The snow depth this morning was 18 inches. Big Camas reported more than one inch of rainfall during the night. Temperature there was 38 degrees. There was no snow on the ground.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
APPROACHING Chicago. Shaken awake an hour early by earnest porter, so that breakfast tin may go to his co-workers in the diner rather than to some nameless napping pusher in the city. That's cooperation.
(Good idea, anyway. Dining cars about the only place in North America where coffee may be had when coffee is wanted, which is RIGHT NOW.)
APPLY sleep-clogged eye to crack in curtain.
Confronted everywhere, as far as a very sleepy eye can reach. Maybe a wideawake one could do better, but no wideawake eye available at the moment. Farms small, according to far-West standards, and barns invariably larger, roomier and more comfortable-looking than the houses.
Yep, this is the corn belt. No further proof is needed.
(BACK here they build the barn, and with what is left over they build the house. This writer, who grew up in a cornfield and was started on the primrose path by smoking corn-cob cigarettes out behind the corn crib, knows all about that. It worked out OK, because if the house wasn't big enough when guests came, the overflow slept in the haymow.)
P. S. Also ate at the second table, after all the chicken legs were gone and nothing was left but ribby pieces. Somehow (Continued on page 4.)