

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 66%
Highest temperature yesterday 67
Lowest temperature last night 56
Precipitation last 24 hours 0
Precip. since first of month 0
Precip. since Sept. 1, 1939 32.65
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1939 .63

Clear and Warmer

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YOUR GUESS

Who will the democrats nominate for vice-president? The answer may come tonight after the nomination of President Roosevelt or perhaps be deferred until tomorrow. Announcement will be in the NEWS-REVIEW's prompt wire service.

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ROOSEVELT NOMINATION SLATED TONIGHT

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

ACCORDING to the "official" tabulation Camacho, administration candidate, got 94 per cent of the votes cast at last Sunday's election in Mexico.

Cynical Americans will conclude that it was either a shrewd job of voting 'em or an equally shrewd job of counting 'em.

THESE same cynical Americans will realize that if Tammany was allowed to count the votes in New York City, the inevitable result would be overwhelming victory for the Tammany candidates.

THE basic purposes of politics since the world began, have been these:

1. To STAY IN if you're in.
2. To GET IN if you're out.

Wherever the people will stand for it, the "ins" have a tremendous advantage—as in Mexico.

IF the time ever comes when the people are willing to stand for it, the "ins" will find ways to STAY IN even here in our own United States.

A MINOR slant in the news: Mrs. John R. Parker, mother of the British consul in Portland, who left England only two weeks ago, declares on her arrival in Oregon that Britons are certain they will defeat Germany.

On that point, she adds, there is more optimism in England than

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AXIS PLANS 'LAST CHANCE' OFFER TO GREAT BRITAIN

Surrender Or Be Destroyed May be Word

Britain Firm on Assertion Of "No Parley"; Nazi Attack Doomed to Fail, London's Air Minister Declares.

By the Associated Press
Reports that Adolf Hitler is preparing a "last chance" offer to Britain—presumably a "surrender or be destroyed" ultimatum, as heralded by the fascist editor Virginia Gayda—were strengthened today with the scheduled departure of Italy's Foreign Minister Ciano for Berlin.

Count Ciano, due in Berlin Friday, is expected to confer with Hitler regarding possible "terms" to be offered Britain.

New complications arose meanwhile in Berlin, where authorized Nazis said the expressed desire of keeping world trade lanes open, should "condemn" the British blockade against Germany and Italy.

"No Parley"—Britain
Peace hints from Rome were met by London newspapers with a reminder that Prime Minister Churchill has already served flat notice on the axis powers that Britain will "tolerate no parley."

Newspapers in London flared black headlines over stories under New York or Rome date lines that Germany may start her invasion this Friday night from a 1,200-mile front along the English channel running from Brest, France, to Beeren, Norway.

A "great onslaught" of German forces on Britain by land, sea and

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Led British Attack on Italian Naval Forces



Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, British Mediterranean commander-in-chief, led the British in an attack on the Italian navy and is continuing efforts to locate and destroy the foe's sea forces.

Totalitarian Rule Japan's New Policy

Konoye Selected for Premier; Britain Agrees to Closing of Road Supplying China; U. S. Fleet Speeding East.

By the Associated Press
America's interest in the Orient sharpened today—amid an ominous lull in the European conflict—as Japan chose a new premier to carry out a policy of foreign expansion and United States warships were believed speeding to

War, Disease Take Big Toll of Japs, Chinese

HONGKONG, July 17.—(AP)—Chinese military headquarters declared today three years of warfare had cost Japan 1,614,988 men killed, wounded or dead as a result of disease.

Tokyo recently admitted that 85,800 Japanese had been killed in the war with China and claimed China's losses totaled 3,000,000 men, of whom more than half were said to have been killed in battle.

ward the far east.
The Japanese foreign office announced Britain has agreed to close the Burma road—China's main lifeline of war supplies—and also shut off the flow of arms traffic into China from the British crown colony of Hongkong.

China, however, has insisted she will not give up the fight against Japan, despite these amputations.

One-Party Rule Looms
In Tokyo, Emperor Hirohito summoned Prince Konoye to the imperial palace and commanded the 48-year-old advocate of a totalitarian one-party system to form a new cabinet.

Konoye's predecessor, Admiral Yonai, resigned yesterday under criticism of his failure to satisfy expansionist demands that Japan seize the "golden" chance proved by the European war to extend Japanese influence over rich Brit-

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Clifford Fies Passes Away At Age of 56

Well Known Civil Engineer of Roseburg Formerly With WPA, Forest Service, and Active in Civic Affairs.

Clifford Diebold (Cliff) Fies, 56, well-known resident of Roseburg, died at his home, 1441 Riverside drive, this morning following a prolonged period of illness.

He was born at Marion, Ohio, March 6, 1884, and, following graduation from the Marion schools, entered the University of California at Berkeley. He was graduated in 1909 with the degree of bachelor of science in the school of engineering, of whose graduating class he was president. Following his graduation he was employed by the Miami Copper company of Miami, Ariz., as engineer.

On January 29, 1911, he was married to Kathryn M. Kempf at Globe, Ariz.

In 1912 he moved to Colorado Springs, and two years later came to Oregon, making his home in Portland. Later he and his family moved to Grants Pass, Ore., where he was agent for the Standard Oil company for about nine years.

In 1926, Mr. Fies came to Roseburg to become distributor for the General Petroleum corporation, and built the present distributing plant in Roseburg. Later he was engaged in the operation of service stations in Roseburg.

Resident WPA Engineer.
In 1933 Mr. Fies served as foreman with the forest service, and in 1935 was appointed WPA engineer for Roseburg. In June, 1938, he was appointed resident engineer for the works progress administration, for Jackson, Josephine and Douglas counties, with headquarters in Medford, and served in that capacity until January, 1939, when he was forced to give up his work on account of illness.

Active in Civic Affairs.
Mr. Fies was active in civic and community affairs and was a member of the Masonic, Knights Templar and Eastern Star fraternal orders, and of the Kiwanis club. He was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Besides his wife he is survived by three children, Louis Kempf Fies, Richard Diebold Fies and Eleanor Fies all of Roseburg. He also survived by a sister, Mrs.

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Senator Wheeler Wins in Primary

HELENA, Mont., July 17.—(AP)—Isolationist Burton K. Wheeler, seeking re-nomination by Montana Democrats for a fourth term in the United States senate, outdistanced Attorney General Harrison J. Freeborn today as returns from yesterday's primary election were tallied.

Freeborn, under indictment on a federal income tax evasion charge, campaigned as a Townsend plan champion.

E. K. Cheade, Jr., Shelby, former republican state chairman, led in a three-way race for the republican senatorial nomination.

Miss Jeannette Rankin of Missoula, the first woman elected to congress and a nationally known peace advocate, maintained a slight edge over Dr. Jacob Thorkelson of Butte, the incumbent, in the race for the republican nomination for first district congressman.

Returns from 143 of the district's 414 precincts gave Rankin 2,493; Thorkelson 2,374.

Annenberg's Petition For Probation Denied

CHICAGO, July 17.—(AP)—Federal Judge James H. Wilkerson today denied M. L. Annenberg's petition for probation.

Annenberg is under sentence to serve three years in prison for violation of the income tax laws.

The court also denied a motion for a six weeks' extension of Annenberg's stay of execution, submitted Monday by the Philadelphia publisher's chief counsel, Weymouth Kirkland.

Judge Wilkerson sentenced Annenberg July 1 on a plea of guilty to evasion of \$1,217,296 taxes on his 1936 income. At that time he granted a stay until July 22, next Monday.

Kirkland's plea for extension of the stay, should probation be denied, was on the ground Annenberg needed to have operations performed before going to prison.

Film Notables Listed "Red" In Report to Dies

BEAUMONT, Tex., July 17.—(AP)—A spokesman said the Dies committee, investigating un-American activities, was given today a list naming 42 of Hollywood's most prominent screen figures as members of the financial contributors to the communist party.

Approximately 60 per cent of those named were members of the party and the rest furnished money and other support, the spokesman said the committee was told in closed session.

Rep. Martin Dies, chairman of the house committee scrutinizing un-American activities, has for several days been acting as a one-man sub-committee digging into alleged evidence of communist and fascist activities.

The list revealed by the committee embraced actors, actresses, directors, producers and writers.

The testimony of John L. Leach of Portland, Ore., who yesterday outlined what he said was the general communist program on the west coast, today detailed, the committee spokesman said, activity in the film colony. Important figures of the moving picture industry, he said, gathered in special study groups to discuss communism, make plans and raise funds.

The professional group in Hollywood, it was learned he told the committee, contributed \$1,200 to \$1,500 a month to the party, exclusive of campaign contributions and special assessments.

Leach described himself as a former communist leader in California. He said he was expelled by the communist party in 1937 and recently had been employed by the commission of public docks in Portland, Ore.

Willkie Eager to Race Roosevelt

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., July 17.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie, predicting that President Roosevelt would receive and accept a third term nomination, received today his declaration that he would rather run against the president than any other democrat.

Willkie said that the chief executive was the best representative of the new deal side of the coming campaign and that he would like to have a fight against him.

Willkie, in his hotel apartment, listened by radio last night to Senator Alben W. Barkley's talk accepting the chairmanship of the democratic convention. He yawned several times, lay back occasionally on pillows and thumbed through newspapers and a book.

When Barkley asserted that the republicans had wanted "color" in their nominee and added that they picked a man who had been a republican for only a short time, Willkie declared that the statement was "the most complimentary thing I have received since my nomination."

WASHINGTON, July 17.—(AP)—The white house cold shouldered question after question today as to whether President Roosevelt would accept re-nomination for a third term.

Senator McNary, the republican vice presidential nominee said President Roosevelt, in freeing his pledged delegates to vote for any presidential candidate in the democratic convention, "has very conveniently left the front door unlocked."

"Of course that means his nomination," said McNary.

Justus Whiting Succeeds Willkie on Utility Board

NEW YORK, July 17.—(AP)—Justus R. Whiting was elected president and a member of the board of Commonwealth & Southern Corp. At a meeting in Wilmington today, the company announced. He succeeded Wendell L. Willkie, who resigned to pursue his campaign as republican nominee for the presidency of the United States.

Whiting, born in Michigan in 1886 and prominent in Michigan local circles has been general counsel for C. & S. He has been associated with the company, or its predecessors, since 1912.

Plane Crash Kills Two Employees of Airlines

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 17.—(AP)—Clarke Jones, 34, superintendent of radio communications for Chicago & Southern Airlines, who came here recently from Eugene, Ore., was one of two victims in the crash of a borrowed private airplane near here yesterday.

William V. Aubrey, 31, also an employee of Chicago & Southern and a 2nd lieutenant in the national guard unit, also died.

Message From President Freeing Pledged Delegates Only Spurs "Draft" Demand

Bedlam Ensues When Barkley Tells Convention of President's Assertion of Not Desiring to Be Candidate for Re-Election; Acceptance of Nomination by Acclamation Held Certain.

By W. B. RAGSDALE

CHICAGO, July 17.—(AP)—The clamor of "we want Roosevelt now" swept a third term draft movement forward today in a boisterous reply from democratic delegates to President Roosevelt's message that he had "no wish to be a candidate."

So rapid was its prairie fire sweep that directors of the campaign to enlist Mr. Roosevelt for another term predicted the national convention would wrap up the nomination for him before tonight's session ends.

What the president would do then remained to be seen. But all the chief new deal lieutenants on the scene predicted that he would accept.

Rumanian Gasoline to Feed German Airplanes

BUCHAREST, Rumania, July 17.—(AP)—Three thousand Rumanian tank cars, containing enough gasoline to operate 1,000 military planes for 15 days, are expected to be on their way to Germany shortly as the result of a decision of the Rumanian oil commissioner.

Since shortly after the war started, Rumania has compelled Germany to use her own tank cars to transport oil products. However, now that Rumania's foreign policy is oriented to that of the reich, all 9,000 tank cars owned by oil companies operating in the country have been requisitioned and one-third have been routed for movement to Germany.

Delegates Freed.
For 25 minutes, the delegates had let loose a bedlam of shouting and cheering last night when Senator Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky mentioned the president's name during his speech accepting the permanent chairmanship of the convention.

And then, when he finally read the message from the White House for which the delegates had been fidgeting, they turned the big stadium into a 50-minute clamorous tumult.

"I and other close friends of the president have long known that he has no wish to be a candidate again," Barkley said.

"We know, too, that in no way whatsoever has he exerted any influence in the selection of delegates to this convention."

"But, in the specific request and authorization of the president, I am making this simple fact clear to this convention."

"The president has never had and has not today any desire or purpose to continue in the office of president, to be a candidate for that office, or to be nominated by the convention for that office."

"He wishes in all earnestness and sincerity to make it clear that all of the delegates to this convention are free to vote for any candidate."

Barkley Halts Tumult.
All the pent-up emotions that had been held back through two days of routine and oratory burst forth as Barkley finished. The noise swelled into a rafter-shaking tumult.

"We want Roosevelt," delegates yelled.

It began to look as if the convention's regular procedure might be swept aside and the nomination thrust upon Mr. Roosevelt at once.

But Barkley, who after delivering the long-awaited message had been alternately kissing state standards, autographing the cardboard placards and acting as a cheer leader through the big microphone, stepped in and spanked the convention.

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Here's the "Birth" of Shasta Dam



Pouring of the first concrete in what will be the second largest masonry dam in the world—on the Sacramento river near Redding, Calif.—marks the actual start of construction on Shasta dam, a part of the Central valleys water project. The eight cubic yards of concrete gushing from the bucket are the first million yards to go into dam and power plant.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



CHARLES STANTON and AGNES PITCHFORD, above, as they posed proudly beside the tandem steed which had just so gallantly and unexpectedly borne their weight in the never-to-be-forgotten Soldiers home celebration held here in 1932 or thereabouts.

Of course if you were here then you remember that celebration, when Roseburg and Douglas county rejoiced over winning the national homestead to the discomfiture of several enemies who also were after that coveted award. If you were linked in that struggle we sure would have had a headache; but if you had been a paltry thing compared to the collective one victory brought, the morning after the celebration.

Just less than an hour before the parade was to start that memorable morning obliging friends repositioned that tandem bicycle to town from forbidden ground and to Charles and Aggie's eager acceptance. Only fly in the ointment—the bike still bore a big metal sign on which indelibly was printed the words "Eugene Bicycle Shop."

That had to be removed, and quickly, for you recall, how slightly we regarded our fair neighbor

to the north at the time. She'd "Russell'd" mighty hard for that Soldiers home herself. So the sign was hastily taken off, appropriate costumes for the riders hastily put on. Charles hid his pencil and notebook for the day. Aggie tied her dog to a telephone pole (thus insuring HIS pleasure with a capital P for the day) and the Revere was on.

For two people who hadn't ridden a bike for years, Charles and Aggie did a magnificent job that day, never spilling once and not running over anything more consequential than an occasional child who should have been old enough to look out for himself, and, later on, a milk wagon or two.

They must have ridden that bike a hundred miles, setting new tandem-bike speed and fancy figure records with each succeeding hour. It was the only "setting" either cared to do for several days.

By the way, Gene Powell and Bill Chalmers on THEIR tandem rode in the six miles from Dixonville Monday in thirteen minutes instead of the thirty-five my type-writer somehow or other had it; which makes it harder than ever on Fred Miller and his aspirations.

Fines of \$25 each were paid in the local justice court today by Carl Wamock and Richard S. Hatchery, campers at Diamond Lake. The two men pleaded guilty to charges of fishing in closed waters.

One Killed, One Hurt in Truck Upset in Klamath

KLAMATH FALLS, July 17.—(AP)—Maeda, Utah, was killed and Arden Elmo Titcomb, 24, Lindahl, Maurice, of Klamath Falls was seriously injured last night when a truck overturned in a ditch on the Lakeshore highway.

Mauritson, the driver, said he drove off the road to avoid hitting a car which was making a left turn on the highway.

Closed Water Fishing Draws Fines to 2 Men

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Prune Production Of Oregon Lower

PORTLAND, July 17.—(AP)—The Willamette valley dried prune production will be one of the lowest on record but "fairly good" prospects exist in eastern Oregon, the agriculture marketing service reported today.

Major harvest operations will begin about August 10.

The production estimate for all purposes in Oregon and Washington reached 85,700, fresh basis, on July 1 compared with 211,600 last year and 144,600, the ten-year average. Idaho and eastern Oregon and Washington forecasts totaled 48,300 fresh tons against 51,600 a year ago and 14,000 average.

The western Oregon and Washington output, principally for drying and canning, will run about 37,400 tons, a decline from the 160,000 tons in 1939 and the ten-year average of 129,570.

Properties are generally favorable in other important crop areas. California's estimate is 262,000 tons compared with 185,000 last season and 198,000, the average.

Considerable scab and splitting have been reported and there may be a higher percentage of off grade fruit.

Auto Driven by Boy, 14, Upsets, Killing Girl

SALEM, July 17.—(AP)—An automobile with a youth at the wheel who only had driven once before overturned on the Aumsville cut-off yesterday, fatally injuring Jane Falke, 21, West Stayton.

She died in an ambulance en route to a hospital.

State Police Sergeant Farley Mogan said Wilbur Holmes, 14, Salem, admitted it was the second time he had ever driven. The car skidded in loose gravel as he attempted to pass a gasoline truck, he said.