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The Weather
 U. S. Weather Bureau Office,
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 Forecast for Roseburg and vi-
 cinity: Partly cloudy tonight and
 Friday; cooler tonight.
 Highest temp. for any Jan. 71
 Highest temp. yesterday 41
 Lowest temp. for any Jan. -6
 Lowest temp. last night -34
 Precipitation yesterday .57
 Precip. from Jan. 1 .130
 Excess from Jan. 1 .45
 Deficit from Sept. 1, 1943 3.48

Editorials on News
 (Continued from page 1.)

the "rocket gun" coast and some-
 times as the "invasion" coast.
 (If the Germans have so many
 rocket guns there, it's odd they
 don't fire some of them at Eng-
 land.)

A recent Russian communique
 tells of Nazis surrendering by
 "hundreds" throwing down
 their arms and going over to the
 side of the red army by ENTIRE
 COMPANIES.

IF TRUE, that's the most sig-
 nificant news yet. But before
 jumping to any conclusions, let's
 be SURE it's true ON A BIG
 SCALE.

Whenever the German army
 begins to crumble GENERALLY,
 the jig will be up.

ON the home front, there's a
 big ruckus on over the recent
 statement by a "high Washington
 personage" that axis propaganda
 based on American rail and steel
 disputes and near strikes has pro-
 longed the war and cost many
 allied lives.

(Meaning that nazi leaders
 have used these disturbances on
 the American home front to in-
 spire the German people with the
 hope that America is about to
 crack up and that Germany can
 win if she fights long enough.)

AS to the statement itself, it
 may or may not be true. If
 we should hear of similar distur-
 bances in JAPAN, we'd be buck-
 ed up no end. News of acute
 labor troubles in Germany would
 thrill us because we'd accept
 them as an indication that Ger-
 man home front morale is crack-
 ing.

It must be equally true that the
 Germans are encouraged (per-
 haps even led to hold out LONG-
 ER) by the garbled and propa-
 gandized reports of our labor dif-
 ficulties that are fed to them by
 their leaders.

It certainly must be true that
 the nazi propagandists are using
 these reports of trouble on the
 American production front for
 all they are worth.

BUT all that, important though
 it may be, isn't the point of the
 controversy that is shaking
 Washington.

The point is that a statement
 of such grave significance
 SHOULDN'T BE MADE ANON-
 YMOUSLY.

Whoever makes a charge like
 that should make it OPENLY,
 over his own name.

WERE thoroughly familiar, by
 this time, with "high inform-
 ed sources," Washington officials
 "in the know" but who mustn't
 be quoted by name, etc.

If you're like this writer,
 you're thoroughly disgusted by
 the whole system.

Why can't our public officials,
 who know what is what, come
 out and tell us openly and honest-
 ly, in their OWN names, what is
 going on?

Why all this mummerly and
 secrecy?

GET IT SETTLED NOW

EDITORIAL

By Charles V. Stanton

THE Roseburg city council and the Douglas county court, in our opinion, should not longer postpone settlement of the issue concerning payment for the rebuilt suspension foot-bridge tributary to Umpqua park. We are not attempting to criticize either the county court or the city council. We do not venture an opinion on the merits of the minor controversy. We do believe, however, that these are times in which cooperation between governing bodies is vitally essential. It is going to take the fullest endeavor of all administrative agencies to work out forthcoming problems that will multiply in proportion to Douglas county's rapid growth. These are not times to permit sores to fester. Our governing bodies should have a spirit of mutual confidence and trust with no endeavor on the part of one to "gouge" the other—a spirit of sincere effort to work in the greatest harmony to promote the welfare of the county as a whole.

A little over a year ago the old footbridge was condemned by the county court, which was prepared to remove the structure because of its dangerous condition. Residents of Umpqua park, which is directly across the South Umpqua river from the south city limits, objected strenuously. Petitions were submitted. The county court finally agreed to rebuild the bridge, conditional upon the City of Roseburg assuming a share in the cost.

The county court claims the city council agreed to share 50-50 in the cost. The council contends that the city's ratio of participation was never definitely fixed. The council also claims that the bridge was too expensive; that it should have been built at a much lower figure. The council admits it is a good bridge. The court agrees that the bridge could have been built at less expense but that it would not have been as good a bridge as the present structure which, barring accident, will serve for a great many years.

There also is the issue of the preliminary estimate, which the council feels should have had ratification by the city. To use round figures, the bridge cost approximately \$3100. The city has been billed for one-half the expense or more than \$1500.

Regarding the detailed phases of the case we are not concerned. We believe that if a committee of the council had met with the county court when the bill was first presented, around six months ago, a 30-minute discussion would have clarified the whole matter and everyone would have been satisfied and there would have been mutual respect, confidence and good will.

Now, however, the matter has been permitted to drag along. Each discussion touches a new sore point. Distrust grows. Neither the council nor the county court will be as ready to cooperate on some future project, which may be far more important than a footbridge.

That is why we say there should be no further postponement. Representatives of the city and the county governments should get together without further delay, talk out their differences and reach a prompt settlement. To allow the matter to continue means widening the breach of confidence. That is a dangerous situation for the future. The danger lies not in the issues themselves but rather in the possibility of further exaggeration of their importance through continued procrastination. A settlement can be reached quickly if the two bodies will only get together and talk it over.

There always has been, and still is, too much disposition on the part of county courts to treat municipalities as if they were separate entities. The fact is that municipalities are still a part of the county. The present county court has gone a long way in overcoming jealousies, but there are still evidences of a mental separation of municipalities from the county. We should not think of "Roseburg and Douglas county," but instead it should be, "Roseburg in Douglas county." And because Roseburg is in Douglas county, the city should be just as seriously concerned with the welfare of the general county as with its own success. Until we start thinking of Douglas county as a whole rather than as a collection of urban and rural communities, each trying to stifle the other, we are going to seriously retard the rate of future development.

Urge for Return Of Prohibition is Faced by Congress

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Bowling to demands of more than 100,000 individual petitioners for immediate legislative action, a house judiciary sub-committee will begin public hearings next week on national prohibition legislation.

The hearings will be on legislation introduced last March by Rep. Bryson (D., S. C.) to out-law beverages containing more than one half of one per cent alcohol by volume, the prohibition to remain in effect until "the termination of demobilization" at the end of the war.

Its professed purpose is "to reduce absenteeism, conserve man-power and speed production of materials necessary for winning of the war."

A bitter fight is expected to develop over the proposal, which has strong house backing. Opponents contend it would be unfair to members of the armed forces at a time when they can not express their views in a referendum.

"We did it in the last war and four millions soldiers jumped on congress for its action," said Rep. Ramspeck of Georgia, democratic whip. "There will be at least eight million of them ready to complain if it's done again. I will never support such legisla-tion."

Petitions, pro and con, have been pouring in since Bryson in-troduced the bill. Many were filed with the house bill clerk during the current recess.

William McDermott, chief bill clerk, estimated that more than 1,000 petitions have been filed, with an estimated 300,000 signers. "If I had to make an estimate," he told reporters, "I would say that there are as many, if not more petitioners against the legisla-tion as there are for it."

ing repaired here and reported he had learned the ship had broken apart twice after it was repaired following the original break.

Firearms Charge Faced By Ex-N. Y. Gangster

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Jan. 6 (AP)—Charged with violation of the national firearms act through transportation of a sub-machine gun and two Luger pistols from a undisclosed point in Washington to Lewiston, Idaho, Walter Bannister, 47, today was being returned to Boise, Idaho. Bannister was arrested in California in connection with burglaries in Glenn county and turned over to federal authorities when the charges were dismissed.

Dep. U. S. Marshal Hayden Saunders said Bannister at one time was bodyguard and gunman for the notorious Dutch Schultz, late New York gangster.

Loans Enable Farmers To Boost Production

REDMOND, Ore., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Central and Southern Oregon farmers who took out Farm Security administration loans last year produced 50 per cent more eggs, meat and potatoes than before, the FSA district office re-ported today.

- 1:15—Rangeland Echoes.
- 1:30—Treasury Salute to the Small Farmers.
- 1:45—Moods in Music.
- 2:00—Ray Dady.
- 2:15—Welcome Inn, G. W. Young & Son.
- 2:30—The Dream House of Melody.
- 3:00—Phillip Keyne-Gordon.
- 3:15—Dusty Records.
- 3:45—Rendezvous With Rhythm.
- 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co.
- 4:15—Johnson Family.
- 4:30—Don Redmon's Orchestra.
- 5:00—Bible Adventures, Presbyterian Church.
- 5:15—Superman, Kellogg's Pop.
- 5:30—Rhythm Road.
- 5:45—Norman Nesbitt News, Studebaker.
- 6:00—Gabriel Heatter, Kremel.
- 6:15—Gracie Fields, Pall Mall Cigarettes.
- 6:30—Double or Nothing, Feenamint.
- 7:00—Dale Carnegie.
- 7:15—State and Local News, Keel Motor Co.
- 7:20—Musical Interlude.
- 7:30—Lone Ranger.
- 8:00—Eye-Witness News, Coppo.
- 8:15—Here Comes the Band, Douglas Flour Mill.
- 8:30—Name That Song, 42 Half Oil Products.
- 9:00—Aika Seltzer News.
- 9:15—Hi Neighbor, Carstens Fur-ni-ture Store.
- 9:30—General Barrows, Unipa Oil Co.
- 9:45—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
- 10:00—Sign off.

Fine, Jail Term Meted Alleged Purse Snatcher

Wilbert Raymond, Trent, re-cently arrested on charges of vagrancy and larceny of personal property, was sentenced in the Roseburg justice court to a fine of \$100 on the larceny charge, and a 30-day jail term for vagrancy, after pleading guilty to both counts. Judge Thomas Hartfield reported. Trent was taken off a southbound stage at Roseburg several days ago after allegedly stealing a purse belong-ing to Bessie Mae Aquist at a Sutherland cafe.

Fines imposed in the Roseburg court for traffic law viola-tions were reported by Judge Hartfield as follows: Chester W. Kimball, \$25, speeding; Robert L. Hamilton, \$25, overloaded truck; Lee R. Powell, \$10, failure to stop at a railroad crossing; Kenneth S. Laman, \$25, overloaded truck.

DIAL LOG
 By SUSAN
 We've just received a new bunch of Treasury Salutes—to the various groups who have done outstanding work toward furthering the war effort—and we'll be bringing you the first "Salute to the Small Farmers" on Friday p. m. at 1:30. It's "Salute to the Small Farmers." Wonder if that includes those of us who cricked our backs and blistered our hands over the to-mato plants in the Victory gar-den last spring and summer? We have Walter Compton comment-ing on the news at 7 o'clock

every afternoon now. Do you recognize him as the man who origi-nated our favorite Double or Nothing? And you'll be hearing said show on Friday at 6:30—this time with a salute to the wearers of the Purple Heart and with Frank Forest singing "When the Lights Go On Again." Also, on Friday at 8:30, our favorite "Name That Song" Did you happen to be listening to Superman on Tuesday evening? And did you get a hair-raising scare, too when the announcer, in a very grim voice, said "Ladies and gentlemen, we interrupt this broadcast—" and then went on to say they were so sorry but they had inadvertently repeated Mon-day's broadcast; so they started all over again. Well—accidents will happen—and since we'd

PORTLAND, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Oregon's wave of influenza con-tinued to ebb today.
 New cases were reported less frequent and the state board of health said the peak was reached about December 20. The next highest surge was about Decem-ber 27.
 Pneumonia cases, however, con-tinued to increase, reaching a total of 92 in the state, 44 per cent higher than last week. Five deaths in Portland were reported yesterday.

Condensed Report of the
UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK
 OF PORTLAND, OREGON
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 AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1943

RESOURCES	
Cash on Hand and Due from Banks	\$ 97,109,980.62
United States Government Bonds	259,475,497.18
Municipal and Other Bonds	6,276,125.24
Loans and Discounts	39,805,321.02
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	403,000.00
Bank Premises (including Branches)	3,273,126.55
Other Real Estate	1.00
Customer's Liability on Acceptances	26,027.57
Interest Earned	880,082.06
Other Resources	106,151.30
	\$407,357,314.54
LIABILITIES	
Capital	\$6,000,000.00
Surplus	7,500,000.00
Undivided Profits	1,683,073.59
Reserves	1,265,014.53
	16,370,089.12
Reserves for Interest, Taxes, etc.	807,362.45
Acceptances	26,027.57
Dividends Declared	78,750.00
Deposits	390,053,770.62
Other Liabilities	19,314.78
	\$407,357,314.54

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BLUE & WHITE TOMATOES No. 2 Tin	15c
FISHER'S ZOOM 1-4 Pound Package	23c
RED & WHITE COFFEE Rich and Mellow	1 Lb. Jar 33c
RED & WHITE CATSUP 14 Oz. Bottle	Rich and Thick 18c
BLUE & WHITE COVE OYSTERS Solid Pack — No Water Added — 7 oz. Tin	40c
Roeding Calimyrna FIGS Fancy Layer Packed	1 Lb. Package 59c
Red & White PREPARED MUSTARD 9-oz. bottle	10c
Red & White WHEAT CEREAL	28 oz. Package 18c
Red & White TOMATO JUICE	46 oz. Tin 25c
Red & White GRAPEFRUIT JUICE	No. 2 tin, Point Free 15c
Red & White CAKE FLOUR	2-3-4 lb. Package 27c
Red & White COCKTAIL SAUCE	10 oz. Bottle 23c
White Rose BLEACHING LIQUID	1 gal. 25c
Van Camps PORK & BEANS	27 oz. Tin 17c
Dennison CHILI	Con Carne with Beans, 11b Tins 2 for 49c

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