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The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office
Roseburg, Oregon.

Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday.

Highest temp. for any Oct.	96
Lowest temp. for any Oct.	22
Highest temp. yesterday	80
Lowest temp. last night	43
Precipitation yesterday	0
Precipitation from Oct 1	.21
Deficit from Oct. 1	1.72
Deficit from Sept. 1, 1944	2.24

HERE IT IS AGAIN

By Charles V. Stanton

THREE times in a row voters in the state of Oregon have rejected a sales tax, yet it keeps bouncing back and we have it again on our Nov. 7 ballot as a "bill imposing tax on retail sales of tangible and personal property." This time the bill is sugared over with the bait of "20 per cent for old age assistance, 60 per cent for property tax reduction, and 20 per cent for common school support.

There is no question but that a sales tax is a fine producer of revenue. All states in which it has operated have fattened their treasuries. But the sales tax takes from those least able to pay and lightens the burden on those with larger incomes and fewer dependents. It perhaps is more effective as a means of raising revenue than is the net income tax, but it is not as just and equitable.

However, ignoring arguments either for or against, it seems that the people of Oregon by slapping down the proposal three times have given ample evidence they don't want a sales tax. Three strikes usually are enough for an out. But, if it takes a fourth strike to retire the sales tax proposal we hope Oregon voters shoot over a fast curve on the outside corner in the form of a decisive negative vote.

Close Election Desirable

President Roosevelt in a recent radio talk stated in effect that if he were to be defeated he desired it be by a large majority, and that he wanted a large majority of the vote if elected.

As much as we desire personally to see the New Deal defeated in the coming election, we sincerely hope that it will be by a close vote rather than by a landslide. There is little chance, in our opinion, of a landslide either way and we feel that the vote will be close, which is as it should be.

The late Wendell Willkie was an exponent of a large and active minority in all political situations. We agree fully with that position.

When, in 1932 and again in 1936, President Roosevelt won the popular vote by record breaking proportions, we established the basis for one-man rule. Congress became subservient—a rubber stamp. Even our supreme court was transformed from a pillar of governmental strength to a hollow shell, bending and swaying with every New Deal stress. We had BAD GOVERNMENT.

But there has been a noticeable change since 1940, when President Roosevelt eked out a victory by the narrowest margin. Realizing there was growing opposition to New Deal theories of government, Congress stiffened its backbone and, despite ridicule and embarrassment heaped upon it by the executive department, declared its independence and again began to function in accordance with constitutional intents.

Should President Roosevelt duplicate his victory over Landon, timorous congressmen, whose chief concern is their political fences, would doubtless immediately revert to "rubber stamps." On the other hand, should Dewey be swept into office by a republican bandwagon, reprisals by republican congressmen upon New Deal administration favorites would be a certainty.

But if there is a very close decision in the presidential race, as there is now every evidence there will be, political leaders of both parties will be very circumspect in their conduct during the ensuing four years, or until there is some evidence of a tremendous swing of popular sentiment in one particular direction.

We hope for a decisive verdict in the forthcoming election but not a one-sided win by either candidate.

In the Day's News

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tree comes crashing down.

The chipping process doesn't make headlines. The crashing down of each great tree does. The chipping away HAS to precede the crashing down.

IN Holland, the battle for the ports goes on. The Germans are fighting with suicidal fury to hold us up as long as they can. We're slowly closing in on Antwerp and the group of ports to the north—with particular emphasis on Antwerp.

We're using our PRESENT supply lines to build up a great striking force. When we get Antwerp (and maybe Amsterdam and Rotterdam) we'll use them to supply our attack when it starts.

THE Dutch town of 'S Hertogensbosch figures heavily in the news. It is a communications center guarding routes leading north across the Rhine channels. The Germans are trying to hold it as an escape route for their forces whose job is to keep us out of Antwerp as long as possible. We're trying to take it to CUT THESE FORCES OFF.

(More chipping away at the trunk of the tree.)

ALL the fighting on the western front goes forward in the face of foul weather. The first general snow of the season fell last night, after days of soaking rain and low-hanging clouds.

MOSCOW announces cautiously that the Russians have penetrated "at least" 19 miles into East Prussia on an 87-mile front.

The Germans, somewhat more candid, admit that General Cherniakovsky (the 36-year-old Russian Jew whose armies are following the great railroad leading to Insterburg and Koenigsburg) has penetrated 35 miles into East Prussia. They add that General Bagramian, after cleaning up all of East Prussia north of the Niemen except a pocket at Memel is now up to the Niemen and is shelling Tilsit on its southern bank.

(All this will be meaningless to you unless you follow it on your map.)

HUNGARY and Czechoslovakia, where we know heavy fighting goes on, are still shrouded in mystery. The Rome (allied) radio says the Germans are evacuating Budapest. That, if true, would mean a BIG Russian advance.

IT is a fair guess that when Moscow does begin to talk what it will have to say will be sensational. That is the usual Russian policy.

FRONT line dispatches (unofficial) report that elements of Hitler's new 16-to-60 home guard have been killed or captured in East Prussia (indicating that nazi manpower is getting VERY low).

IN more or less forgotten Italy, watch Bologna. Things will begin to happen there when we take it, but probably not much before.

FOR reliable slants on the POSSIBILITIES OF PEACE in Europe after Hitler is licked, watch Churchill and Stalin. If Britain and Russia can come to a workable agreement on their interests in eastern Europe (including Poland), the Balkans and the countries bordering the Mediterranean, the prospects will be encouraging.

If not—well, history will probably repeat itself.

SOMETHING is brewing in Spain—probably an attempt to unseat Franco. What is happening is too rigidly censored to be more than guessed at. Franco will probably have to fall. He will be out of step in a Europe that will have thrown out fascism (maybe for communism).

ON the home political front, the Pearl Harbor pot is bubbling again. If you are wise, you will be careful about what you believe—for the republicans are naturally making all the capital they can out of the long suppression of the report.

BUT Representative Maas (republican from Minnesota) says flatly:

"The PRESIDENT (FDR) and HIGH OFFICIALS (of our government) had word of the attack SIX HOURS IN ADVANCE and SENT NO WARNING to Short and Kimmel."

Maas is no mere scandal-mongering private whisper. He is a member of congress, and as such he is presumably has access to information that is beyond the reach of the rest of us.

If he is lying, or if he is peddling the irresponsible mouthings of other liars, he ought to be discredited and shown up for what he is.

DIAL LOG

By SUSAN

First— we must tell you of the change of time for Harris Ellsworth's speech. Originally scheduled for 8:45, the time has been changed to 8:30 tonight. In case you're wondering what it's all about, we transcribed the speech he made at the Grants Pass Rotary club Wednesday and which was released there at that time. In case you are sick and tired of political speeches, you may be of good cheer and tune in with a light heart, because this is a non-political report on his recent trip to England, France and the battlefields. We're sure you will enjoy it. Remember it's tonight at 8:30, immediately following Return Address APO. By the way, don't forget those phone calls any time after 7:30 this evening, we'll be on hand with the decks cleared for action and ready to take them.

One other item of special interest to call to your attention tonight—the San Francisco Opera presents "Falstaff". If our little opera booklet hasn't led us astray, not a single character dies a tragic death as the final curtain falls, for which we are grateful. It was a good thing an opera wasn't scheduled last Thursday night, because we were all listening to the news from the Philippines. As a matter of fact, we'd trade some more of those good-news flashes for an old opera any day. Wouldn't you?

Broadcast of Ellsworth's Talk on Trip Is Slated

A transcription of the talk presented Wednesday before the Grants Pass Rotary club by Congressman Harris Ellsworth before the Grants Pass Rotary club by Congressman Harris Ellsworth will be released at 8:30 p. m. Thursday by Station KRNR. Mr. Ellsworth talked at Grants Pass on his recent trip to Europe, eliminating all political discussion. The talk was relayed to Station KOOS at Marshfield, but because of previous commercial commitments, Station KRNR is carrying the speech by delayed transcription.

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BEST BETS FOR TODAY
6:30—Music You Remember.
7:45—Songs of Good Cheer.
8:00—Return Address APO.
8:30—Harris Ellsworth.
10:00—San Francisco Opera, "Falstaff."

FRIDAY
9:00—Boake Carter
10:30—Luncheon With Lopez.
1:30—Headlines in Harmony
5:45—Night News Wire.
6:00—President Roosevelt Political Speech.
6:30—Double or Nothing.
8:00—Boxing Bouts.
9:00—Newspaper of the Air.
10:00—San Francisco Opera, "Carmen."

REMAINING HOURS TODAY
4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co.
4:15—Tune Tabloid.
4:30—World's Front Page.
4:45—Music Off the Record.
5:00—Moods in Music.
5:15—Superman.
5:30—Tom Mix, Ralston's Purina
5:45—Night News Wire, Studebaker.
6:00—Gabriel Heatter, Forhan's Toothpaste.
6:15—Screen Test, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.
6:30—Music You Remember, Douglas Supply Co.
6:45—The Male Quartet, G. W. Young & Son.
7:00—State and Local News, Keel Motor Co.
7:05—Musical Interlude.
7:15—Lowell Thomas, Standard Oil Co.
7:30—Musical Scrapbook.
7:45—Songs of Good Cheer, Copco.
8:00—Return Address, APO.
8:30—Harris Ellsworth, Speech.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
9:15—Rex Miller, Wildroot.
9:30—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
9:45—Republican National Committee, Representative Everett Dirksen.
10:00—San Francisco Opera, Safeway Stores.
11:00—Sign off.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27
6:45—Yawn Patrol
6:55—Schricker Auction.
7:00—News, J. A. Folger Co.
7:15—Stuff and Nonsense.
7:30—State and Local News, Boring Optical.
7:35—Judd Furniture Store.
7:40—Rhapsody in Wax.
8:00—Dr. Louis Talbot, Los Angeles Bible Inst. (ABC).
8:30—Service Salute, E. G. High
8:45—Easy Listenin'.
8:55—Lanny & Ginger, Groves Laboratories.
9:00—Boake Carter, Hunt Bros.
9:15—Man About Town.
9:30—Midland USA.
9:45—Shoppers Guide.
9:55—Music.
10:00—Alka Seltzer News.
10:15—Terry's House Party.
10:30—Luncheon With Lopez, Van Camps, Inc.
10:45—Musical Market Basket.
11:00—Wheel of Fortune.
11:45—Morning Melodies.
12:00—Musical Interlude.
12:10—Sports Review, Dunham Transfer.
12:15—Treasury Song for Today.
12:20—Parkinson's Information Exchange.
12:25—Rhythm at Random.
12:40—State News, Hansen Motors.
12:45—News-Review of the Air.
12:55—Terminal Market Reports, Sig Fett.
1:00—Republican State Central Committee.
1:15—Open House.
1:30—Headlines in Harmony.
2:00—Musical Hi-Jinks.
2:15—Music.
2:30—Voice of the Army.
2:45—Western Serenade.
3:00—Prayer.
3:02—Three on a Match.
3:15—Dusty Records, Henningers Marts.
3:45—Johnson Family.
4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co.
4:15—Tune Tabloid.
4:30—World's Front Page.
4:45—Music off the Record.
5:00—Bible Adventures, Presbyterian Church.
5:15—Superman.
5:30—Tom Mix, Ralston's Purina.
5:45—Night News Wire, Studebaker.
6:00—Franklin D. Roosevelt, Democratic National Committee.
6:30—Double or Nothing, Feenamint.
7:00—Republican National Committee, William Hutchinson, Vice-President of the A. F. of L.
7:15—Lowell Thomas, Standard Oil Co.
7:30—Lone Ranger.
8:00—Boxing Bouts, Gillette.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
9:15—Hi Neighbor, Carstens Furniture Store.
9:30—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Kampfer's Sav-Mor.
9:45—Rupert Hughes, Republican National Committee.
10:00—San Francisco Opera, Safeway Stores, Carmen.
11:15—Sign off.

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