

EAST ROSEBURG ANNEXATION ELECTION SET



JOE RUTENCUTTER, Rose Hotel employee, is pictured sweeping snow from a car in the hotel parking lot during the heavy fall of several days ago. The snow, differing from the slushy type we usually are afflicted with and which we curse so fluently and so wholeheartedly, was light and fluffy and, at this particular spot, was about eight inches in depth. The kids (some of whom I guessed to be about 60 years old) had themselves a fancy time.

Social Security Expansion Pressed As Senate Launches Hearings On House Measure

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—The Truman administration today asked Congress to expand the social security program to cover practically all employed persons—a broader extension than the House voted last year.

It also asked that benefits be increased more than the House bill provides.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AS these words are written, there appears to be nothing much in the news worth talking about but the weather and China. We can't do anything worth while about either of them, but as between the two evils I think I'll talk about China again.

THE American blockade runner Flying Arrow failed to make it into Shanghai, and had to go on to Tsingtao. Informed sources in Hong Kong (where the Flying Arrow sailed from) say her experience was a showdown IN WHICH THE CHINESE NATIONALISTS NAVY WON OUT.

The point seems to be that her cargo was needed in Shanghai and wasn't needed in Tsingtao and to get it back to Shanghai the Communists will have to ship it.

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Henry J. Allen, Former Kansas Senator, Dies

WICHITA, Kas., Jan. 17.—(AP)—Henry J. Allen, 81, former Republican United States senator and former governor of Kansas, died today.

A leading party orator at the height of his political career, Allen had been less active the last 20 years.

A newspaper editor and publisher in Kansas for half a century, he was chairman of the board of the Wichita Beacon at the time of his death.

Nine Government Planes Eaten By Hangar Fire

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Jan. 17.—(AP)—A hangar fire at Barr field last night destroyed all nine planes of Fort Wayne's Air National Guard unit. Damage was estimated at \$800,000 to \$1,000,000.

Seven F-51 fighter planes, a B-26 bomber and a T-26 trainer were destroyed.

The cause of the blaze was not determined.

Truman Still Declines To Act In Coal Strike Despite Pleas That Emergency Is Present

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—President Truman today rejected an appeal by Senator Brewster (R-Me.) to invoke the Taft-Hartley act against John L. Lewis in an attempt to settle the coal dispute.

Emerging from Mr. Truman's office, Brewster told newsmen the President said he feels "the time has not yet arrived" to use the national emergency provisions of the law.

Under the emergency provisions of the act, the President could seek a court injunction to restore full production in the coal mines.

Approximately 75,000 United mine workers are now on strike and the others are working only three days a week.

The coal shortage already has cut in steel production. Crucible Steel company of America announced in Pittsburgh today that it is reducing operations about 25 percent at its midland, Pa., plant.

At almost the same time, the Duquesne Light company warned all major industries in the greater Pittsburgh area to prepare to close their plants by Friday.

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The Weather

Mostly cloudy today and Wednesday. Intermittent snow today occasionally mixed with rain tonight and Wednesday.

Sunset today 5:05 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:41 a. m.

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Copco Crews Battle Deep Snow To Fix Power Lines

22 Breaks In Fifteen Days Tax Endurance

Trouble On Toketee Line, Newly Built, Likely For Some Time, Official Says

Crews brought in from Grants Pass were standing by in Roseburg today to substitute for exhausted men stumbling in from snow-drifted mountains, where for eleven days they have been fighting breaks in power lines serving the Roseburg area.

Repair crews with accumulated overtime of as much as 170 to 182 hours in 15 days have repaired 22 breaks on three transmission lines, H. C. Wells, district manager for the California Oregon Power company, reported this morning. The men have reached the limit of physical endurance, Wells said, and relief crews are being imported to continue the battle against the elements.

Roseburg has had only intermittent service for the past five days. For a week previous to complete failure, Friday the 13th, minor interruptions had occurred, but Copco managed to keep at least one of three main transmission lines in service. Heavy winds Thursday night and Friday, however, created such havoc that major breaks shut off power from all directions.

Deep Snow Battled
Patrolmen fought through snow drifts as deep as seven feet last night.

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Phone Call Leads To Fatal Gun Duel

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 17.—(AP)—"Wait a minute, I think I hear a holdup going on."

Thus a former naval lieutenant interrupted a telephone conversation with his wife last night. The ex-officer, Arthur Drake, 25, reached for a gun he kept in the kitchen of his father's drive-in.

He stroled to the front part of the cafe. A man held a gun pointed at his brother, Harland Drake.

Growled Arthur: "I've got a gun too. Now who shoots first."

The holdup man whirled. Both guns blazed. Both men fell. The intruder was dead.

Drake, a bullet wound in his side, was taken to a hospital and later pronounced out of danger. Police identified the dead man as Franklin George Debendier, 31.

Debendier's stunned wife, Marie, told officers he was a successful writer.

"Maybe," she said, "he wanted to get the experience of a hold-up man for some of his writing."

Union Head Backs Ouster Of Gas-Burning Miner

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 17.—(AP)—A 56-year-old coal miner's ouster from his job because he is equipping his new home with gas heat has been upheld by the state president of the Progressive Mine Workers union.

Charles Walchekaukas, a miner for 37 years, was taken off his job at the Lumbago No. 2 mine, Collinsville, a week ago when other miners refused to work with him. The PMW local union there has a by-law providing a two-year suspension for a member who uses other than coal or wood for heat.

John Marchiando, state PMW chief, ruled yesterday that he could "do nothing but sustain the action" of the Collinsville local. He said the miners "acted to protect their jobs and the jobs of their co-workers in the coal mining fields elsewhere."

Delivery Truck Driver Cited After Collision

A light panel delivery truck was nearly demolished and a heavy truck and semi-trailer slightly damaged today in a near-head-on collision a mile south of Roseburg, on highway 99, according to state police.

Slippery road conditions, caused by snow and ice, were blamed for the accident, which occurred at about 8:30 a. m., the police said.

Drivers of the two vehicles were identified as Arthur Friend of Roseburg, driving the panel delivery truck, and Emil John Zwan, Medford driver of a Porter Creek Lumber company truck and trailer. Neither was injured.

Friend was cited to appear in justice court for operating a motor vehicle without an operator's license.

Contract For New Hospital Probably To Be Let Today

Construction plans for the Douglas Community hospital have been given final approval and it is expected that a contract for the work will be let today.

The hospital board of directors was informed today by telegram from the Oregon State Board of Health that formal approval has been given the project by the San Francisco office of the United States Department of Health.

Approval was based on a supplemental application filed by the hospital directors for additional federal funds.

The low bid of Todd Building Co. has been accepted and the contract will probably be signed today, it was said.

Mother Regains Mind, Freed In Father's Killing

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 17.—(AP)—Senate psychiatrist say 23-year-old mother has come out of a long, horrible dream caused by the birth of her daughter.

While still in that dream world, called a post partum (after childbirth) psychosis, Mrs. Jacqueline Marie Steinhauer was accused of killing her father by hacking him 51 times with a Boy Scout hatchet.

Yesterday Essex county Judge Joseph E. Conlon set aside a murder indictment against Mrs. Steinhauer on the advice of six psychiatrists and assistant county prosecutor Edward Gaulkin.

They said she now is "completely recovered" and recommended her discharge from Trenton State hospital for the insane.

Mrs. Steinhauer has no recollection of the bloody scene in the kitchen of her home last year when Edward A. McMahon, the state psychiatrist testified.

The doctors said her mental illness was caused by the birth of her daughter, Barbara Anne, last May. She suffered a type of amnesia from that time until she became aware of "waking up in the state hospital" after electric shock treatments, they said.

In setting aside the indictment, Judge Conlon said if Mrs. Steinhauer were brought to trial she would be entitled to acquittal on the ground that she was legally insane at the time of the slaying.

Reedspert's New High School Nears Readiness

REEDSPORT, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Reedspert's new \$71,200 high school will be ready for use within the next month, contractor Tom Lillebo says.

The new main building will include 23 school rooms, a cafeteria, auditorium and library. In other buildings will be a shop and work room, and a gymnasium with basketball seating capacity of 3,800.

In the past year the school also acquired a turf football field with a grandstand seating 2,300. Tennis courts are to be added next summer and the baseball field and stands improved.

The former high school buildings will be used for a grade school.

Prospective Dad Robbed As He Waits At Hospital

BALTIMORE, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Ralph Fleming was pacing up and down the waiting room outside City Hospital's maternity ward last night.

The prospective father got to the stage where he couldn't stand it any longer. He decided he needed a breath of fresh air.

So he walked out the front door. A moment later he was looking down the barrel of a pistol. Two men relieved him of his wallet, containing \$45.

When he ran back inside, he found he had gained a son.

But Fleming could not stay around to meet the newest member of the family. Police hustled him off to headquarters to look through the Rogue's gallery.

ASSESSMENTS SLATED
City Recorder-Treasurer William Bollman announced today that assessment notices for Kinney's addition and the South Jackson street improvement will be sent out in the near future.

Payment to the city treasurer is to be made by Mar. 7.

The News-Review

Substitute For Repeal Of Oleo Tax Defeated

Sen. Langer Now Plans, However, To Win Out Via Civil Rights Maneuver

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Backers of straight-out repeal of oleomargarine taxes today beat a dairy state substitute, 48 to 37, in a Senate test.

The margin indicated the oleomargarine repealer had control of the Senate and eventually would put through their measure, already passed by the House.

But Senator Langer (R-Id.) whose state is a big dairy producer, planned an effort to tack "civil rights" amendments to the repealer.

Debate on these could run at length—and perhaps lead to defeat of the measure.

Debate on the bill, the first major legislation to be taken up at this session, started two weeks ago. It would repeal taxes of 10 cents a pound on yellow oleomargarine and of one-quarter cent a pound on the uncolored variety, as well as occupational taxes on manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers.

The amendment to cut excise taxes back to 1942 levels on such

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Schools Closed By Power Failure

Roseburg school children received an unscheduled holiday today, caused by power failures which left schools cold and without lights during the night and early morning.

City school buses were ordered to remain in the garages, and those students and teachers to arrive at the various schools found the trips in vain.

City School Supt. Paul S. Elliott said he was advised by Copco officials not to attempt any schooling today and the information that no classes would be held was relayed to station KRNR shortly after 6 a. m.

Elliott said schools would again be open tomorrow, unless further difficulties with the power supply arise. Parents and teachers were advised to listen for information tomorrow on the local radio station.

Warning Verified When Storm Crushes Shack

It doesn't pay to build a shack in Roseburg—at least not during the winter.

City Inspector Charles Bonolis last week warned a local family that their new three-room "house" was of faulty construction and that they were not to move in.

Checking up Monday, Bonolis visited the lot on which the structure was erected only to find it had collapsed, presumably because of recent storm conditions.

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Gustav Krupp, Former Arms Manufacturing Magnate Of Germany, Claimed By Death

SALZBURG, Austria, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Gustav Krupp, the German armaments king who built "Big Bertha" in World War I and even more deadly guns for Hitler in World War II, is dead.

The 79-year-old head of one of the world's most tremendous arms industries died at his family estate here yesterday. His full name was Gustav Krupp von Bohlen and Halbach.

The aged industrialist had been partially paralyzed since the war and escaped trial as a Nazi war criminal because he was too ill and senile. Allied doctors, at time the Nuremberg trials commenced in 1945, said Krupp was suffering from softening of the brain.

His wife, Bertha, after whom the mammoth long-range "Big Bertha" cannon which bombarded Paris in World War I was named, was said to have remained at his side during his illness.

Born Gustav Halbach in the Hague, Holland he married Bertha Krupp when he was 36 and was granted the right to assume the name of Krupp von Bohlen and Halbach by Kaiser Wilhelm II, who attended the wedding.

Bertha was then heiress to the vast Krupp interests and was one of the wealthiest women in the world.

Thus, the son of an American-born German diplomat married

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KIDDIES TAKE OVER—Five children, all polio victims stand close to President Truman—two of them on his desk—in a photo arranged by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to publicize its 1950 March of Dimes campaign for funds. Left to right, front: Wanda Wiley, 8, of Austin, Tex.; Nancy Drury, 7, of Louisville, Ky.; Donald Anderson, 9, of Warm Springs, Ore. Back: Linda Brown, 5, of San Antonio, Tex.; Mr. Truman, and Terry Tullis, 5, of Laurel, Miss. Wanda is the foundation's 1950 "poster girl". Others have appeared on posters of past four years. (AP Wirephoto).

Rising Rivers Rout Families In Three States; Mississippi Poses Biggest Fight In Years

(By The Associated Press)
Imperiled townsfolk sandbagged levees or fled before the rising Wabash and Ohio rivers in southern Indiana and Illinois today. Further downstream the big Mississippi, fed by all the swollen tributaries, prepared for the biggest flood fight in 13 years.

The historic fortress city of Vincennes, Ind., expects a Wabash river crest of 28 1/2 or 29 feet Friday. But army engineers say they may save the city from the floodwaters. They say they have the manpower and equipment to hold out the river if it doesn't go above 30 feet. Volunteers—even schoolboys—helped bolster the concrete floodwall with sandbags.

But on the Illinois shore of the Ohio, and along the Wabash and Little Wabash rivers, more families were forced from their homes.

Hundreds are homeless in Illinois, Indiana and Arkansas. About 12,000 more may become homeless on short notice in southeastern Missouri, where engineers may have to let the Mississippi river flow over the Birds Point-New Madrid floodway.

Elsewhere in the nation, rain and snow plagued northern California and the downpour is expected to reach as far south as

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Slayer Of College Stenographer Still Sought

RIVERSIDE, Calif., Jan. 17.—(AP)—Mrs. Sophie Petrillo is preparing today for a one-to-10-year stay at Tehachapris prison for woman after having her conviction reduced to manslaughter in the slaying of her husband, Peter.

Dec. 14, a jury, which subsequently found her sane, convicted her of second degree murder. Yesterday Superior Judge Russell S. Waite reduced the charge to manslaughter. Sentence on the second degree murder charge is 10 years to life imprisonment.

She had pleaded innocent and innocent because of insanity.

Mrs. Petrillo, 35, was charged with shooting her 38-year-old husband in the palm Springs home Sept. 19 because of his association with Mrs. Alma Prima, 28, former wife of band leader Louis Prima.

Trading Stamps Beyond State Rule, Court Says

SALEM, Jan. 17.—(AP)—It's O.K. for merchants to give trading stamps, and the state corporation commissioner hasn't any power to regulate them, Circuit Judge George R. Duncan ruled yesterday.

The suit was filed by Sperry and Hutchinson Co., Minneapolis, against State Corporation Commissioner Maurice Hudson and Attorney General George Neuner. The company gives green trading stamps which can be redeemed for merchandise.

Hudson and Neuner had ruled that the stamps were the same as securities, and that Hudson should have the power to regulate or prevent their use.

But Judge Duncan ruled they aren't securities, and that Hudson and Neuner are wrong.

Ex-Financial Official Gets Penitentiary Term

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—(AP)—William Dennison Doble, former secretary-manager of the Cincinnati Clearing House association, yesterday was sentenced to a year in the penitentiary on a charge of conspiracy to contrive a lottery.

Doble, 59, pleaded guilty Dec. 19 to two counts in an indictment charging he participated in a \$50,000,000 crooked numbers racket.

Doble was the eighth person sentenced in the case.

W. Roseburg Light Plans Receive O. K.

Council To Provide For Storm Sewers; Changes In City Wards Favored

WHAT THE COUNCIL DID

Set East Roseburg annexation election date.

Passed ordinance accepting other areas for annexation.

Considered Lane street storm sewer.

Authorized street lights for West Roseburg when time and material permit.

Referred West Roseburg zoning to special committee.

Referred loading zone question to special committee.

Accepted committee's report on proposed change of city wards.

Reminiscent of days of old, the city council last night transacted business by lantern light. Undaunted by the power failure the city fathers had one of their busiest sessions, and transacted important business, including the setting of the date for an annexation election in East Roseburg.

Councilman Henry Carstens brought up the question as what could be done about the power situation in Roseburg. Mayor Albert G. Flegel laughingly proposed the purchase of surplus generators for emergency purposes.

An ordinance was passed setting the annexation election in East Roseburg for Feb. 17, between the hours of 8 a. m. and 8 p. m. If the vote is affirmative, the city election would be set as soon after that date as possible, in order to have the area embraced in the 1950 census of the city.

Lighting Plan OK'd
West Roseburg Improvement association's plan for street lighting.

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Northwest Due For More Snow

SEATTLE, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Weathermen Pacific Northwest residents shrugged off as "just one of those things" today a weather bureau forecast that intermittent snows would plague the region for at least another 48 hours.

The mantle of white, starting with the 20-inch cover blown in by last Friday's whistling Arctic-Bred blizzard, has made a stock joke of Washington's motto: "The Evergreen State."

As the subnormal weather continued, buses and trains neared regular schedules. Schools began to open. Housewives resumed normal shopping tours.

Six Southern Pacific trains, held up for hours in Oregon's Cascade mountains by derailment of a snowplow and work train, resumed their runs yesterday. They carried 1,450 passengers.

For many, however, the tedious task of readjustment was just beginning. Property damage ran into the millions of dollars and at least 21 persons were known dead as a direct result of the cold, wind and snow.

Larceny Of Automobile Charged To Prisoner

Robert Basco Keller, 23, Roseburg, wanted here on a charge of automobile larceny, was brought back from Portland and is being held in the county jail upon failure to post \$750 bail.

Sheriff O. T. "Bud" Carter said. He was arrested by Portland police on a charge of larceny.

Carter said, and a hold order was placed against him by Douglas county authorities.

Joe Milo Westvelt, 59, Roseburg, charged with shoplifting, was fined \$50 in justice court and placed in the county jail in lieu of payment, Judge A. J. Geddes said.

Lloyd Kelch was taken to Portland Monday by Deputy Sheriff A. A. Eckhardt, where he will be turned over to Montana authorities, who want him on a charge of forgery and obtaining money by false pretenses, Carter said.

Road Conditions Bad In Southern Oregon

State police today reported road conditions in southern Oregon were "adverse" and that chains were necessary in many places.

Poor highway conditions exist in or near all major southern points, including Klamath Falls, Medford, Grants Pass and Ashland. The highway is reported closed at Weed, Calif.

Road conditions north of here are generally fair.

DRUNK DRIVING CHARGED
State Police Sgt. Holly Holcomb today reported the arrest of Victor G. Smith, Roseburg, on a drunk driving charge.

Smith appeared for arraignment this morning in justice court.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Suggested reading for shut-ins during the current intermittent power outages: Meredith Nicholson's "House of a Thousand Candles."