

Court Acts In Walker Case

ROOSEVELT'S AUTHORITY IS MADE CLEAR

Governor Has Right to Remove Mayor if Cause is Established

EXECUTIVE NOT BOUND BY COURTS

Supreme Court Justice, However, Touches Upon Question of Admitting Committee Records.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30 (AP)—George S. Collins, the mayor's secretary, said today Mayor James J. Walker is ill in bed with nervous exhaustion and had been ordered by his physician to take a complete rest.

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 30 (AP)—The right of Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt to remove Mayor James J. Walker from office has been established by a court decision.

Supreme Court Justice Ellis J. Starley ruled last night that the governor had the authority to remove the mayor, and that in conducting the hearing he was not bound by the courts to adhere to any rules of judicial procedure.

Justice Starley cited precedents by which he observed the governor might be said to be in error in three instances in his conduct of the proceedings, but he pointed out that

REDDEST HAIR TO GET PRIZE AT FAIR-SHOW

The Union county woman with the reddest hair will be awarded a prize at the Grange Fair and Home Products show which will be held at the L. D. S. Recreational hall on Sept. 21 and 22, it was announced today. Members of the committees which met last night at the La Grande chamber of commerce announce, however, that the red must be "natural" and not of the henna variety.

Special prizes will be awarded for 13 events, and have been furnished by the merchants of La Grande under the direction of a committee headed by R. P. Tyler.

Freckles also will be worthy of a prize, and members of the committee urge the boys to take advantage of the sunshine between now and the opening of the show in order to make the competition keener.

Musical attributes will be awarded in the contest to determine the best harmonica player in the county.

Other special prizes will be presented to the Union county farmer coming the greatest distance, for the largest family present, the person having the largest farm flock of sheep, the person having the most hogs, the most dairy cows, the one having the most children in 4-H club work, having the most children in Smith-Hughes work, and the oldest granger in point of years.

Routine details were discussed and members of the fair committees are working on a new plan for handling 4-H club livestock exhibits.

Rudy Vallee And Wife In Quarrel

NEW YORK, Aug. 30 (AP)—A sour note sounded today in the matrimonial music of the Rudy Vallees.

"Yes, there is a rift. They just can't seem to get along together," said a statement by Hyman Bushel, attorney who said he represented both the orchestra singer-leader and Mrs. Vallee.

The lawyer said Mrs. Vallee, the former Fay Webb whose father is police chief at Santa Monica, Cal., would leave New York at the end of the week. Reports that her destination would be Reno were without confirmation. Bushel said the domestic difficulties had not reached the point of divorce.

Jenkins Beginning 25-Day Sentence

Charles Jenkins, under parole from a former sentence, was found guilty of drunkenness in municipal court last night, and today was beginning a 25 days in jail and found a \$20 fine hanging over him also.

Judge C. M. Humphreys revoked his parole, making it necessary for him to serve out 15 days on a former sentence, and also fined the prisoner \$20 and sentenced him to 10 days on the latest offense.

Observer Comic Section To Be Started Sept. 3

'Freckles and His Friends' and 'Out Our Way' Among Comics For Colored Supplement.

Another big step in the Observer's policy of continually adding to the reader interest of this newspaper is the addition of the new four-page, make its first appearance next Saturday's color comic section which will be published on Sept. 3, and will accompany each Saturday's issue from now on.

In accordance with the wishes of the many subscribers who have sent in their marked coupons during the past week, we have selected the most popular comics and are therefore sure that the new section will contain a variety of humor that will please every member of the family.

Practically every ballot that was sent in expressed a preference for the cartoons, "Freckles and His Friends" and "Out Our Way," perhaps the two most popular comics in the country. In a with real pleasure that we announce these two strips as permanent features of our weekly comic page.

Another, widely known cartoon (Continued on Page Six)

Annual County 4-H Club Picnic Tomorrow Event

The annual county 4-H club picnic and demonstration is to be held tomorrow at the Eastern Oregon Experiment station near Union. The program, which is being arranged by County Agent Harry G. Avery and the county superintendent of schools, E. A. Sayre, who supervise club work in the county, opens at 10 o'clock in the morning and continues through the day.

In addition to the program of speaking and music, an exhibition of work done by the sewing and cooking clubs will be held and also the several livestock judging teams will compete. The two teams to go to the state fair and the Pacific International will be chosen.

At noon a basket dinner will be served with the company eating in small groups as they choose to arrange. Coffee and ice cream will be furnished by the experiment station, assisted by a few Union citizens. Superintendent Richards announces.

All members of 4-H clubs, their families and their friends are invited to attend this picnic and spend the day at the experiment station.

Final Concert Of Season Will Be Given Friday

The concluding outdoor concert of the summer season will be given by the La Grande band on Friday evening at the Triangle park, it was announced today by Director Andrew Loney.

The concert will be in the nature of a request program, and numerous requests have been received during the season.

The feature number on the program will be a flute and French horn duet played by Dolph Siegrist and William Caldwell. The number selected is Gilt's celebrated "Serenade."

The program will be announced later this week.

Mellon and Mills Hold Conference

NEW YORK, Aug. 30 (AP)—Ambassador Andrew W. Mellon and Ogden L. Mills, his successor as secretary of the treasury, conferred today on undisclosed subjects and Ambassador Mellon made at least two visits to the financial district, the purpose of which was not made public.

Ambassador Mellon, who recently returned from London on a vacation, arrived from Washington and soon after he registered at a hotel. Secretary Mills called on him.

UNIDENTIFIED BODY

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 30 (AP)—A man about 32 years old with no identifying marks on his clothing, was found dead beside the railroad tracks near Camas today. Police believe he was killed when he attempted to board an eastbound train last night.

Obviously an itinerant, the man was about 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighed 170 pounds. Most of his clothing was torn from his body in the accident.

Frank Caldwell Is Speaker At Credit Banquet

Field Secretary of National Association Reports Considerable Improvement in U. S.

Nearly 50 business and professional men and women of La Grande and vicinity attended the banquet of the local Retail Creditmen's association at the La Grande hotel last evening and heard the address by Frank T. Caldwell, of St. Louis, the field secretary for the National Retail Credit association.

Mr. Caldwell explained in his opening remarks that he did not claim any powers of prognostication, nor did he come as an "expert" with the intention of prescribing remedies for local conditions in particular, but said that credit conditions are much the same throughout the nation and certain definite principles apply everywhere.

He stated his belief that, though there is nothing wrong with the principle of installment buying (or selling), there have been frequent abuses of the plan, one of the greatest evils being the ceaseless, cut-throat competition between merchants in gradually lowering down payments and extending the time allowed for completion of the installment.

Mr. Caldwell said there has been considerable improvement in the credit situation of the nation during recent months, but that there (Continued on Page Four)

RAIN AND COLD VISITING STATE

La Grande Gets Taste of Autumn — Snow Falls Near Bend on Monday

Mr. Autumn, an early visitor to La Grande Sunday and who remained over Monday, still was on hand the morning and no telling how long he would stick around!

Bringing with him his old pal Jupiter Pluvius, the two of them managed to make a day of it Monday.

Jupiter tipped over his rain bucket playfully enough to spill .07 of an inch of moisture over La Grande, and was still in it—although not earnestly—this morning.

And Old Man Fall, as some call him, depressed the temperature sufficiently yesterday to keep the maximum at 60 above, after a minimum of 45 above. He was a bit more lenient last night, when the minimum was only 47 above.

The .07 of an inch of rain brought the moisture in La Grande for the summer season to .71 of an inch, although (Continued on Page Two)

GANGS BLAMED FOR BOMBING IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 30 (AP)—Factional strife between opposing forces of the underworld who seek to control organized vice in Portland, is blamed by District Attorney Letus L. Langley for the bombing yesterday of a Fourth street rooming house, an alleged disorderly residence.

"We now have evidence," Langley declared today, "that the bombing is part of a definite campaign for establishment of gang control of Portland's underworld."

Thirteen persons are being held for questioning in connection with the affair, the fourth bombing in the city since March. None of those held was reported to bail.

Cleveland Air Races Begin

Member of State Board of Higher Education Attacks Merger Bill

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 30 (AP)—An attack on the Zorn-MacPherson school consolidation bill by C. C. Colt, member of the state board of higher education, was made in a statement issued Monday by the "school tax saving association," headed by Amadee M. Smith.

The statement quoted Colt as describing the Zorn-MacPherson bill as "an ill advised, visionary scheme that will cause immediate loss of one million dollars in annual savings now assured under the board's unification plan" if the bill becomes law.

Colt told the Associated Press that the statement quoted him correctly. "The statement quoted Colt further: 'The board of higher education has no axe to grind in this controversy. Neither has the federal survey which after exhaustive disinterested inquiry made specific recommendations against physical consolidation of the university and state college. x x x (Continued on Page Four)

161-Acre Umpqua Ranch Purchased

ROSEBURG, Ore., Aug. 30 (AP)—Sale of a 161-acre ranch on the North Umpqua river 14 miles east of Roseburg by J. Will Beckley to Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Kerr, recent arrivals from Tucson, Ariz., for \$10,000 cash, was reported here today. The property, well improved, includes 130 acres of river bottom land. The new owners, who bought for investment purposes, will take possession Oct. 1.

SCHOOL HERE WILL REOPEN ON SEPT. 12

Children of City Will Resume Classes a Week From Monday Morning

LIST OF TEACHERS IS NOT COMPLETED

Schools to Continue Policy of Strictest Economy Consistent With Efficient Education.

School days! No more camping trips, swimming, hiking, long summer days out in the sun!

But then, at this time of the year the weather itself begins to prohibit summer pleasures.

At any rate, La Grande's children—whether first grader or senior—will turn back to their studies on Monday, Sept. 12, when the public schools will open for the coming year.

All children are to report at their building at 9 o'clock in the morning of the opening day, Supt. J. T. Longfellow announced today.

And at the same time, announcement was made that the La Grande schools will continue their policy of strictest economy in the administration consistent with the fine standard of education which will be adhered to.

AGED SETTLER SHOOTSTRUCK; LANDS IN JAIL

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Aug. 30 (AP)—Accused of having fired a shot at a motor truck bringing supplies into a mine in the upper Graves creek district, Richard Burns, 60, settler in the section, was held in the county jail here today.

A rifle bullet fired by Burns is said to have wrecked the truck, which was operated by Harold Reed.

Reed and two other men were taking groceries to the Bullion Mountain mine dam site. A fire blew out near Burns' cabin. The miners said Burns appeared and ordered them away. When they continued to work on the tire, they told police, Burns fired a shot at the truck. The bullet pierced the radiator, wrecked the generator and disabled the machine.

Deputies brought Burns to the jail here where he was charged with assault and robbery with a dangerous weapon. The men accused him of stealing groceries and clothing from the truck.

Senator Innocent, He Tells Court

NEW YORK, Aug. 30 (AP)—United States Senator James J. Davis of Pennsylvania pleaded not guilty today to two indictments charging him with distribution and sale of lottery tickets and with conspiracy. Bail was set at \$1000.

A plea of not guilty was also entered by Theodore G. Miller, co-defendant with Davis in the two indictments.

Miller is a publicity man and an executive of the Loyal Order of Moose, of which Davis is the national head.

California Voters Go To The Polls

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 30 (AP)—The political fortunes of William G. McAdoo, general of the Democratic Roosevelt-Garner ticket on the western front and a candidate for senator, and of Senator Samuel Shortridge, Republican and friend of the administration, were at stake along with many others in California's state primary election today.

Exceptionally heavy voting was reported from all centers of the state.

Farm Strike Picket Line Broken

FATHER AND SON RIVALS

Portland, Aug. 30 (AP)—While scientists of the world, gathered along the northern Atlantic seaboard, are scanning the heavens Wednesday in quest of knowledge of the sun as revealed by a total eclipse, residents of Oregon will be privileged to see but a portion of the sun's surface obscured by shadow.

The Oregon demonstration is scheduled to start at 10:30 a. m. and will last until 12:29 p. m.

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Japan to Ignore Concentration Of U. S. A. Navy

TOKYO, Aug. 30 (AP)—Naval and military aspects of Japan's relations with her neighbors, including the United States, and the worldwide concentration of Japan's force in Manchuria were subjects for discussion today in the house of representatives.

A member demanded to know what the government was doing about "concentration of the American navy in the Pacific." Foreign Minister Uchida said he saw no reason why Japan should ask Washington to explain its fleet dispositions or otherwise take official notice of them.

"As for Manchukuo," he said, "Japan is confronted with an unprecedented (Continued on Page Four)

To Let Contracts On 19 Road Jobs

SALEM, Aug. 30 (AP)—Awards on 19 different highway improvement projects are listed for letting at the meeting of the state highway commission in Portland tomorrow, the total cost ranging from \$700,000 to \$800,000. Construction work on all will start this fall and will be completed over 13 counties in Oregon.

The awarding of contracts will be the major business of the commission, which starts its session with a preliminary meeting tonight. At least a half dozen delegations will be present, the program shows, but the department announced no other outstanding feature is scheduled.

MARKS DELAYS DECISION ON SENATE SEAT

SALEM, Aug. 30 (AP)—Willard L. Marks, of Albany, president of the state senate, who today was to announce definitely whether or not he would resign from the senate immediately and accept the proffered position as referee in bankruptcy, said here he had deferred making a definite announcement until the latter part of the week.

When the position was first offered Marks he considered it favorably, although the holding of a federal position would automatically disqualify him for a seat in the senate. Since that time, it was learned, many have urged him not to leave the state senate and he has delayed making a decision.

Marks did not indicate he had changed his mind and it was believed he would accept the bankruptcy commission. His term in the senate does not expire until 1935, although his term as president of the senate expires in 1933. As president of the senate he also is lieutenant-governor and to date has been twice times governor of Oregon when Governor Julius L. Meier was absent from the state.

Army Airplanes Participate In Demonstration

CLEVELAND, Aug. 30 (AP)—B. O. Howard, Chicago and Kansas City mail pilot, flying his home-made white racer, made the first speed assault on the three-kilometer straight-away course of the national air race today.

Sweeping four times over the course, his official speed was 204.068 miles an hour.

This average was sufficient to qualify him for the Labor day 100-mile high speed race for the land plane speed trophy but his plane, equipped with a 100-horsepower motor, was far short of threatening either the American or world land plane speed records.

Jimmy Hainz, new transcontinental speed king, arrived here two hours (Continued on Page Four)

Eclipse of Sun Starts At 10:30 Over All Oregon

Demonstration Tomorrow to Continue Until 12:29 — Scientists Hoping For Fair Weather.

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Haizlip's Speed Brings Him New Mark and \$9250

NEW YORK, Aug. 30 (AP)—Captain James O. Haizlip, who made the flight from Los Angeles to New York a jaunt of 10 hours and 19 minutes, planned to fly back to Cleveland today.

Haizlip's "breakfast in Los Angeles" and "dinner in New York" dash yesterday, lopped 55 minutes from the record made a year ago under similar conditions by Major James D. Little, who flew the distance in 11 hours and 15 minutes.

He raced his tiny black and white monoplane at an average speed of about 250 miles an hour, sometimes reaching 275 miles an hour. He maintained a high altitude all the way, rising to 14,000 feet over the Rockies.

He was trailed into Floyd Bennett field 39 minutes after his arrival by Colonel Rescue Turner, whose time for the same distance was 10 hours and 57 minutes.

Besides the record, the flight netted Haizlip a trophy and \$9250 in prize money.

Hope To Protect Legion Parades

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 30 (AP)—There will be no feather pillows zipped open and emptied from hotel windows above American Legion national convention parades here next month. And there won't be any bags of water dumped from the windows upon the heads of spectators either.

At least that is the optimistic promise of the executive committee.

All feather pillows will be removed from hotel rooms from day parades are scheduled and the hotels' paper laundry bags will be cut so they won't hold water.

Charges Against Reeves Dismissed

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Aug. 30 (AP)—Roy Reeves, 38, who had been accused of attempted murder in connection with an alleged attempt to poison Mrs. W. A. Yocum, his mother-in-law, was freed on motion of the district attorney here Monday and the charge was dismissed by the justice of peace.

Reeves was arrested after Mrs. Yocum and Lee Janeway, farm hand on her ranch, complained they found poison in their food Aug. 14. Lack of evidence connecting Reeves with the alleged crime resulted in dismissal of the charge.

Portland Woman Injured Fatally

PORTLAND, Aug. 30 (AP)—Mrs. Lima Dorem, 60, was fatally injured here Monday afternoon when she was struck by a street car. The motorist said she ran from the sidewalk into the front end of the car and the impact threw her to the pavement. A skull fracture caused her death.

LAST STRONG BLOCKADE IS LIFTED TODAY

Farm Produce Brought Unhindered Into Des Moines as Result.

ELEVEN DEPUTIES INJURED MONDAY

Action Today Follows Violent Clash Near Cushing, Iowa; Strikers Use Pipe and Sticks.

DES MOINES, Aug. 30 (AP)—Farm produce was brought unhindered into Des Moines today with the collapse of the last strong farmers holiday picket line.

Shortly before noon Sheriff Charles F. Keeling, a force of deputies, and truck drivers, all armed with clubs, massed on highway 65, north of the city, and forced their way through members of the Farmers' Holiday association, who seek to force higher agricultural prices by keeping produce from the markets.

The "big push" against the blockade, after starting at a point five miles from Ames, resulted in the free movement of produce into this capital city.

Sheriff Keeling and his deputies continued their surveillance of most highways into Des Moines, for pickets remained at camps north, east, and southeast of the city.

Holiday workers awaited the outcome of a meeting with members of the Des Moines Co-operative Dairy Marketing association tomorrow.

11 DEPUTIES INJURED DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 30 (AP)—Law enforcement officials began a new drive on several sectors of the farm war for higher prices today to prevent further violence, following a flareup in which eleven special deputies were injured.

The eleven officers were hurt in a clash with picketing farmers near Cushing, Ia., last night. A running fight between the farmers and 60 officers occurred while the deputies were escorting five truck loads of hogs to the Ida county line. The deputies said the strikers attacked them with pipes and sticks.

Authorities Determined Determined to break up the picket lines around Des Moines, county authorities moved to enforce an edict that the roads into this capital city of Iowa be kept open. Thirteen strikers or sympathizers were arrested, and Sheriff Charles F. Keeling said he would swear in 100 special deputies to gain his point.

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'MA' FERGUSON HOLDING LEAD IN TEXAS VOTE

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 30 (AP)—Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson's lead over Governor R. S. Sterling in the sensational Democratic gubernatorial race was increased to 1297 votes on the second compilation of votes cast in Saturday's election made today by the Texas election bureau.

The few additional returns received overnight reduced Mrs. Ferguson's advantage by 32 votes.

The tabulation included returns from all of the 254 counties, 230 reporting their count complete. The standing was: Ferguson, 473,199; Sterling, 472,827.

MORITZ THOMSEN DIES

SEATTLE, Aug. 30 (AP)—Business and financial executives of the city today expressed sorrow for the death of Moritz Thomsen, 82, capitalist and organizer of vast enterprises in the Northwest and the nation.

He died yesterday, active in business almost to the last.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Aug. 30 (AP)—Wheat reflected the reactionary tendency of cotton and stocks today and the general trend was downward. Fairly heavy selling early was later overcome by purchasing from professional operators and at one stage the market was steady with yesterday's finish, but it was not stable. Corn trade was the largest in several months. Commission houses were in the market in a liberal way, both buying and selling. Oats were in broader demand, but were unsettled with wheat. Provisions eased with hogs, grain and cotton.

Wheat closed weak at almost the day's bottom figures and at 1 1/4c below yesterday's close. Corn 1/4c down, oats 1/4c lower, and provisions 2 to 1/2c off.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Fair tonight and Wednesday, except unsettled in the northwest portion; warmer in the east portion tonight; gentle changeable winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m.—50 above.
Minimum: 47 above.
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 60, minimum 45 above.
Condition: Cloudy. Rain .07 of inch. Range—15 degrees.

WEATHER AUG. 30, 1931
Maximum 83, minimum 54 above.
Condition: Clear. Range—29 degrees.