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## The Weather

**WEATHER FORECAST**  
Oregon: Fair tonight and Sunday, but with fogs on the coast; cooler in the northwest portion Sunday; moderate changeable winds offshore.

### LOCAL WEATHER

Friday: Maximum 75, minimum 50 above. Clear.  
Today: Minimum 50, 7 a. m.—60 above. Clear.

## 20 Communists And California Minister in Riot

WAUKESHA, Ill., Aug. 26 (AP)—About 20 alleged communists and a California minister were nursing various injuries from bruised noses to scratches today following a riot fight that brought a meeting of the Paul Revere club to an exciting finish. The lecturer, Dr. Louis Richard Patmont, pastor of the Christian church in Berkeley, Cal., had just concluded an address last night in criticism of Russia when an alleged Soviet sympathizer began distributing hand bills. As members of the club attempted to stop him, others came to his rescue and a fight ensued.

## Enrollment At High School to Begin Soon

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except Saturday afternoons. The principal's office is on the first floor of the building on the south side. Freshmen preliminary registration is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 7, at 2 p. m. in the study hall. All students absent when preliminary registration took place last spring are urged to enroll before school opens.

## They Want To Form "Snake River County"

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that the county court recently took from them their voting precinct, by uniting it with Innaha.

They propose to name the new county "Snake River" and it would be a taxless county. Mr. Titus said it might as well be as they don't pay taxes any more anyway. Revenue to pay county officials would be collected from toll for ferrying on the river.

Operated under the county manager plan, Mr. Titus would be the county manager, city mayor and the biggest part of the county court. Due to a little opposition predicted on the part of his father, Eugene Johnson desires to be kept out of the picture as much as possible until the proposed county might be fully organized, according to the Wallowa Sun, which adds that Attorney R. V. Chrisman is now drawing up the necessary documents. "He probably will be attorney general and we wonder if they want a newspaper down there, too," the Sun commented.

Other contractors who worked on the reconstruction job included Melville, Fred Spaeth, H. S. Electric Co., Fitzgerald Furniture Co. and Northern School Supply Co. During the nearly three months required for the completion of the project, a considerable number of local men were given employment. Clearing away of debris has been under way at the high school for some time and everything has been put in shipshape order both inside and out.

An expert is here at present checking on the heating apparatus as well as repairing automatic heat controls in the grade schools. Both the superintendent of schools and the principal of the high school some weeks ago established their offices in the new building, and since then have been working in preparation for the opening of school Sept. 11.

Two-Year-Old Sows Called Best  
WASHINGTON (AP)—Brood sows are at their highest efficiency at 2 years of age, 10-year records of the United States department of agriculture show.

PLENTY OF PHOSPHATE REPORT  
WASHINGTON (AP)—Total phosphate resources in the United States are estimated at 6,200,000,000 long tons by the bureau of chemistry and soil. At the present rate of use the supply should last 1500 years.

BLIND DOG LIKES ICE CREAM  
SEWANEE, Tenn. (AP)—Dean Baker of the University of the South owns a dog which he allows to "buy" an ice cream cone daily at the corner drug store. The dog, now blind from age, appears daily at 10 o'clock for his treat.

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# TODAY IN BRIEF, IN AND AROUND OREGON

AS CHRONICED BY THE DAILY LEASED WIRE OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**GIVEN BALLOT TITLE**  
SALEM, Aug. 26 (AP)—The initiative proposing to exempt Oregon taxpayers from \$1200 assessed property valuation received a ballot title Friday and will go on the November 1934 ballot provided sufficient signatures are obtained prior to July 3 next year.

**INQUEST HELD AT BAKER**  
BAKER (Special)—Dr. C. J. Bartlett and Dr. V. S. Ison, who conducted a post-mortem on the body of Mrs. Albert Koehler, testified at the inquest Friday afternoon that a heavy blow, said by police to have been delivered with an ax, was the cause of death, and the coroner's jury returned a verdict in accordance with that theory. Mrs. Koehler was found murdered at her Ninth-street home Thursday morning.

**PORTLAND ATTORNEY DIES**  
PORTLAND, Aug. 26 (AP)—Thomas G. Ryan, 45, one of Portland's best known attorneys, died in a hospital here today 10 hours after he had slipped and fallen on the steps of a fire station. Examination disclosed his skull was fractured. He was at first believed not to have been seriously hurt.

**TWO BOYS LOSE LIVES**  
KLAMATH FALLS, Aug. 26 (AP)—Two boys lost their lives here Friday in drainage canals. Richard Roskinson, 7, drowned in the government canal; and Delmer Darrell lost his life in an uncovered hot springs drainage system.

**Friday Not Bad Luck Day For Motor Drivers**  
Persons who are superstitious about "good luck" days to start motor trips will be interested in recent reports from the office of Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state, concerning "good record" days from the accident standpoint. Contrary to common belief, most accidents occur on Saturday and Monday rather than on Sunday, and contrary to superstitious ideas, Friday is not a bad luck day for accidents. Instead, Friday rates next to Wednesday in having the fewest number of accidents reported in Oregon since January 1, 1933.

**Johnson 'Drive' Infusing All Of N. R. A. Workers**  
By Herbert Plummer  
WASHINGTON—It would be interesting to know what kind of an organization the NRA would have been had President Roosevelt chosen someone besides General Hugh Johnson to take charge of that gigantic project. No other department of government in Washington seems so clearly to reflect the personality of the man at its head as does the NRA. One has only to walk through the corridors on the fourth floor of the department of commerce building to realize this.

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## In Shade of the Old 'Apple Tree'



President Roosevelt, seated with Mrs. Roosevelt, relaxes and "takes it easy" in the shade of one of the trees on his spacious grounds at Hyde Park, N. Y., where he spends his time when not at the White House.

## DENVER MAN IS KIDNAPED; HUNT BEGINS

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With two men in the Hartford county jail under \$25,000 bonds each on charges of conspiracy to kidnap, and two others held as material witnesses, the authorities said they sought seven more men.

State's Attorney Hugh M. Alcorn and Detective Edward J. Hickey said the ring had plotted to kidnap a wealthy Springfield, Mass., business man and to hold him in a lonely shack on the Southington mountain for \$50,000 ransom.

**U. S. SEEKS URSCHEL RANSOM**  
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Aug. 26 (AP)—Help of the nation in recovering approximately \$185,000 ransom paid the kidnapers of Charles P. Urschel was asked today by Herbert K. Hyde, United States district attorney here.

## SCOUTS HEAR L. C. MOREHEAD

Troop No. 7 of the Boy Scouts held a meeting on the side of Rooster peak last evening, with Harvey Carter as leader. L. C. Morehead, fire warden, talked to the boys on "Fire Prevention."

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father by telephone and was asked if he had fought many bulls in Spain. He replied, "No, only one—a little one."  
When a bull was dedicated to him, he rose to acknowledge the courtesy—considered a high honor in Spain—and the crowd cheered him heartily.

### MAIL SLOTS NEEDED AS RESULT OF NRA

CLINTON, Ia. (AP)—Operation of the NRA here has resulted in "later opening hours for many business houses and quite a few hole-drilling jobs."  
Mail carriers, keeping their old hours, get around before the start of business. Postal regulations forbid leaving mail unless it is given to someone on the premises or deposited in a box or slot.

**DIZZY DEAN KEEPS UP HIS STRIKE-OUT PACE**  
ST. LOUIS (AP)—I'm getting to be a habit with Dizzy Dean—the business of riling the root in strikes-outs.

His record-breaking performance against the Cubs, in which he fanned 17 batters, boosted his total for the season to 243 and put him far ahead of any other major league hurler. Last year he also led both leagues in strikeouts and in 1931 led the Texas league with the remarkable total of 303. In 1930, his first year in professional baseball, he struck out 234 men in three different leagues.

Dizzy's batting average, around .22, doesn't come up to his advance predictions of .300. However, he has two triples and a home run to his credit and is one of the few hurlers credited with a stolen base this season.

### Books Opened or Close Financial Statements and Tax Returns Completed

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Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Jehovah my rock, and my redeemer.—Psalm 19: 14.

## COAL CODE REAL TEST

The bitter argument now going on in the coal industry over the terms of the proposed blue eagle agreement provides about as good a test case for the whole recovery program as could possibly be arranged.

It tests the patriotism, the social conscience and the intelligence of all parties involved—the owners, the miners and the government itself.

It brings into the spotlight a section of the industrial front which needs government regulation, probably, more than any other, and gives us a chance to see whether reforms which have been urgently needed for years can finally be applied under the pressure of a national emergency.

Here we have an industry which cannot possibly do justice to its owners or to its workers without some sort of far-reaching and drastic corrective being applied from above. The country has more coal mines than it needs and more coal miners than it can ordinarily employ. Even a sudden return to 1929 levels of business activity would not involve consumption of all the coal that can be mined annually, nor would it provide jobs for all of the miners.

The industry, in short, has managed to concentrate within itself nearly all of the major evils of present-day industrialism. This has happened naturally, and through force of circumstances, and it is idle to try to blame any one man or group of men; but it has happened, and there is not the slightest sign that the industry can solve its troubles by its own unaided efforts.

The blue eagle program offers a way out—the first that has ever been opened to the coal industry since its troubles became acute. Here, at last, is a chance for the industry to become stabilized, for its production to get geared to consumption, for an arrangement to be made by which owners can get decent profits and miners can get a decent living.

But the first response of the industry has not been encouraging. It has split into factions—no fewer than 27 codes have been submitted by different groups of bituminous operators. Certain groups have apparently been ready to forego the benefits of co-operation rather than relax their archaic anti-union traditions. Others have insisted that they will submit to no government supervision under any circumstances.

It will be a national calamity if some sort of order cannot be brought into this chaotic field. Those individuals who stand in the way are shouldering an extremely heavy responsibility.

## BIG PARADE FEATURE OF SECOND DAY

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Six-horse team, driven by Roy Wells.

Richardson's Art & Gift Shop.  
Cock's funeral parlors, their car bearing the remains depicting the last of Old Man Depression with Rev. E. C. Lee, the skipper preacher on the driver's seat.

Low Bidder, plumber, the Century of Progress (which won first place for comic floats).

Farmers Co-operative Creamery (which won first place in attractive floats).

Union Meat Market Co. (which won second place in attractive floats).

Union Drug Store.  
Experiment Station.  
Union Pool hall.  
Eastern Oregon Light and Power Co.

Shanks.  
Bisway Stores.  
Union Wranglers.  
Woods store.  
Union Hardware.  
Haggerty's grocery.  
Scott's Second store.  
Texaco gasoline, with their fire chief.

## Turns South To Yamhill Area Today

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in Yamhill county today. Heretofore, except for a mill fire, the blaze had been concentrated in Washington and Tillamook counties.

The gale which swept the fire country yesterday had abated but little today. Witnesses said the high winds at times carried fragments of flaming trees as large as a man's body 500 to 400 feet ahead of the main fires.

**Farm Homes Burned**  
Tillamook reported several farm homes were burned last night on Wilson river. The occupants had fled.

The Wilson river fire line had reached to within eight miles of the city of Tillamook this morning. Great clouds of black smoke kept that town in darkness more complete than during a total solar eclipse.

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## La Grande Hotel Dining Room and Coffee Shop SUNDAY DINNER—65c

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|        | Consomme Bellevue              |                |
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|        | Southern Fried Chicken         |                |
|        | Roast Veal With Sage Dressing  |                |
|        | T-Bone Steak to Order          |                |
|        | VEGETABLES                     |                |
|        | Mashed and Shoestring Potatoes |                |
|        | Corn on Cob                    | Buttered Beets |
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