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WEATHER FORECAST: Fair; cooler; northwest winds; maximum temperature yesterday 103; minimum 56; river minus 1 foot; atmosphere clear; wind northwest.

COOLIDGE PANS FOR SHINY GOLD IN OLD CANYON

After Failing to Land Trout in Slate Creek, President Becomes Miner

PUSHES WAGON UP HILL

Doffs Coat and Aids Horses Get Rumbling Vehicle Up Tortuous Mountain Trail; "Likes Exercise."

MYSTIC, S. D., July 23.—(AP)—In the heart of one of the most picturesque canyons, President Coolidge today cast a trout line into a tumbling creek and later panned for gold which 50 years ago made this canyon famous.

Perched on crags overhanging Slate canyon and on other points of vantage, camera men worked busily to record the first pictures ever made of Mr. Coolidge fishing, but when the waters, made muddy by an all night rain, declined to yield its quarry, the president turned to a native prospector for detailed instructions on how to pan gold.

After an hour or more at Slate creek, to which he traveled nearly 70 miles from the summer White House, a sparkle of metal came from the president's pan and he smiled broadly as Mrs. Coolidge looked on and congratulated him on his good fortune.

The president and Mrs. Coolidge came to the summer lodge of Sam R. McKelvie, former governor of Nebraska, who is now publisher of The Nebraska Farmer, over a tortuous mountain trail which led two and a half miles into dense pine forests from Mystic. The last stages of the journey were made in a rumbly lumber wagon drawn by two heavy farm horses, but when the animals puffed from the long, hard pull the president stepped down, took his coat off and in his shirt sleeves helped push the wagon up the hill.

The road was rocky and uncertain. Rain caused streams of water to run down the rutts but for nearly a mile the president stumbled and felt his way along the trail, while Mrs. Coolidge, laughing heartily, looked back at him as

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A. M. LAFOLLETTE CRITICALLY ILL

PHYSICIANS DESPAIR OF FORMER SENATOR'S RECOVERY

Served in State Legislature Until Last Term; Prominent in State

Former State Senator A. M. LaFollette, who has been seriously ill at his home, 1033 Chemeketa street, for some time, was reported last night to have passed a hard day, with possibilities that he might not survive the night. His life has been despaired by physicians in charge for several days. Until the last session of the senate, when his enfeebled condition made it impossible for him to be a candidate, LaFollette has been found among the group present for a number of years, earning for himself the title of "Watchdog of the Treasury," because of his vigilance in guarding against wasteful expenditures. LaFollette, who is past 83 years old, is a member of one of the pioneer families of the Oregon country. He was one of the pioneers in the loganberry industry, growing the first berries on a commercial scale for the Portland market from plants secured from Dr. J. A. Richardson, first loganberry grower in the northwest. LaFollette was also for many years a large peach grower in this district.

One of Senator LaFollette's sons was at one time state representative in the legislature, from Yamhill county, while the elder LaFollette was in the senate.

Friends of Senator LaFollette have been anxiously watching his fight for life during the past few weeks, knowing that his old age made recovery doubtful. Although given up by physicians a week ago, the indomitable will which has characterized his whole life has kept the spark of life from being extinguished.

SPENCER NAMED U. OF W. HEAD

WILL SUCCEED DR. HENRY SUZZALO, DISMISSED

Salary of New President Stated as \$12,000; Will Start September 1

SEATTLE, July 23.—(AP)—M. Lyle Spencer, former vice president of the Seattle chamber of commerce was tonight named president of the University of Washington succeeding Dr. Henry Suzzalo, who was dismissed last fall.

The selection of Spencer, who was head of the university's school of journalism from 1919 to 1926, was made by the regents of the school. Dr. Suzzalo was dismissed by the regents on October 4 and since that time Dean David Thomson of the College of Liberal Arts has been acting president.

In announcing the selection of Dr. Spencer the regents said that his salary will be \$12,000 a year. Dr. Suzzalo received \$18,000. The appointment of Dr. Spencer will be effective September 1 of this year.

Upon leaving the university in May of last year Dr. Spencer devoted his time to literary work and to his duties as vice president of the chamber of commerce. He retired from the latter position last fall.

The new president, who is 46 years old was born in Batesville, Miss. He obtained academic degrees from Northwestern university, the University of Chicago and Kentucky Wesleyan college.

In 1917 he left a professorship of English at the Lawrence college, Appleton, Wis., to join the staff of the Milwaukee Journal, where he served as reporter, copy reader and editorial writer. He is the author of several books on literature and journalism.

ALL READY TO HOP OFF

"Whale" in First Class Condition; Now Awaits Weather

SOUTHAMPTON, England, July 23.—(AP)—"We are ready now to get off at the first sign of favorable weather," Captain Frank T. Courtney told the Associated Press late today after inspecting the Whale, in which he is planning to hop off Monday, on his trans-Atlantic voyage.

E. F. Little, Captain Courtney's mechanic, said that mid-Atlantic weather was atrocious at the present time. "There is a 50-mile gale 1000 miles off the coast of Ireland. This would hit us head on, so you can see we don't want to take any unnecessary risk," said Little. "As soon as the weather is good we'll go and we'll get there."

PETER B. KYNE SHIP SAFE

Report That Schooner Vigilant in Distress Erroneous

ASTORIA, July 23.—(AP)—Considerable excitement flared here this afternoon with reports that the schooner Vigilant, commanded by Captain Matt Peasley, famous as a result of figuring in Peter B. Kyne's sea romances, was in distress off the Columbia river entrance.

The excitement died down, however, when it was found that the "distressed" vessel was instead the six masted schooner Dorothy Sterling, formerly the Oregon Pine, returning from a six months voyage to Oriental ports. The Dorothy Sterling was towed into the Columbia river tonight.

FIRE SWEEPS CITIES

Loss in Central Oregon by Flames Now Exceeds \$100,000.

BEND, July 23.—(AP)—Fire loss in central Oregon reached the \$100,000 mark for the past few weeks early today when flames swept through the business sections of Prineville and Redmond.

The Union church in Prineville, built in 1879, was destroyed, together with the Towner garage. In Redmond three stores, all in one building, were burned. Tumalo and Redmond had suffered heavy fire loss earlier in the month.

AGED PIONEER PASSES

First Marshal of Gold Hill Dies; Jackson County Native

MEDFORD, July 23.—(AP)—Franklin M. Parker, aged 71 years, a native son of Jackson county, and the first marshal of Gold Hill, died at his home in Gold Hill today. For many years he lived at Weggner, Ore.

HOUSE MEMBER SITS ON CURB IN DAZED STATE

Crumpacker, Oregon Representative, Found Ill in San Francisco

RUSHED TO HOSPITAL

"Knew He Was Going to Die," Mumbles Oregon Legislator When Found on Street in Disordered Condition

SAN FRANCISCO, July 23.—(AP)—M. E. Crumpacker, member of congress from Oregon, was found sitting on the street curbing in the downtown district here tonight, talking incoherently, and was taken to the central emergency hospital to be treated.

Police first thought that Crumpacker had been drinking, but hospital records classed him as entirely sober. The police were called by an unidentified woman who lived near the corner. She informed the authorities that the man had told her "he was going to sit there until he died."

Resists Police Crumpacker resisted when police started to take him to the hospital, insisting that he "knew he was going to die." At the hospital he told attaches that he was going to die, but talked so incoherently that they were unable to get a further explanation from him.

At the hospital Crumpacker gave his name, and said he was an attorney from Portland, but was unable to identify himself further. Former Senator James D. Phelan, of San Francisco, learned of Crumpacker's condition, and members of the Nicholas Longworth party, here for a visit, arranged for the patient's care. Phelan said Crumpacker was to have been

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COUNTY IS DEFENDANT

Medford Youths Seek to Collect For Auto Smashed by Bunker

MEDFORD, July 23.—(AP)—John Beall and Roy Thompson, youths, have filed suit in the circuit court against Jackson county, for the value of an automobile partly demolished when a county gravel bunker toppled down upon it a month ago. Negligence on the part of the county is alleged, as a basis for the suit.

RELIGIOUS SERVICE IN EVENING SUNDAY FEATURE AT CHAUTAUQUA

Today there will be two feature programs at the Salem Chautauqua. The afternoon program will open at 2:30 this afternoon when the Allpress All Stars will entertain. The evening program will begin at 7:45, 15 minutes earlier than ordinarily.

Tonight the Rev. Fred Taylor of the First M. E. Church will lead the devotional exercises; the Rev. Mr. Tully of the Presbyterian church will give a 15-minute religious address; the choir of the First M. E. church will sing three numbers; the Allpress All Stars will entertain with special music and Dr. Alexander Cairns will lecture on "The Goose That Lays the Golden Eggs."

No admission will be charged for either of the programs today. Holders of reserved seat tickets will retain their seats for the day, however. An offering will be lifted both afternoon and evening.

Yesterday was a special feature day with the Haskell Indian Symphonic band and Ned Woodman, cartoonist and lecturer as the attractions.

Tomorrow will see the close of the Chautauqua with wonderful programs both afternoon and evening. In the afternoon the Scotts from the Santa Fe artists' colony will give a program of interest to every married person and those that expect to be. It will be a delightful little playlet that all will want to see. In the evening the great play "Applesauce," the piece de resistance of the week will bring to a fitting close a fine week of entertainment.

The Chautauqua this year has been meeting with popular favor. The attendance has been very large and the interest good throughout.

GRAVEL PIRACY CHARGES FACED

COMPANIES CITED TO APPEAR FOR HEARING SOON.

Operation in Columbia River Without Contracts Alleged by States.

Citations will be issued here on Monday demanding the appearance of a number of sand and gravel operators at a joint meeting of the land departments of the states of Oregon and Washington to be held in Portland August 1.

The joint session was called following receipt of reports that at least two Oregon sand and gravel concerns had operated on the Columbia river without first obtaining a lease from the state land department as is required by law.

It was said that these companies also operated on the Washington side of the Columbia river. Neither of the companies reported the amount of sand taken from the Columbia river either to the Washington or Oregon officials.

Records in the state land department here show that the operation of sand and gravel concerns in Oregon are limited by contract to a part of the Willamette river between Oregon City and Portland. No contracts have been executed permitting these concerns to operate on the Columbia river.

In event it is found that the operators removed sand from the Columbia river in violation of law they will be requested to pay royalty on the basis of charges specified in existing contracts. Officials

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SCORES BARELY ESCAPE DEATH

PORTLAND BUILDING BEING REMODELED, COLLAPSES

Two Injured by Tumbling Bricks and Timbers; Automobiles Demolished

PORTLAND, July 23.—(AP)—Scores narrowly escaped death or injury here this afternoon when a two story frame and brick building in the heart of the business district collapsed as it was being remodeled.

The roof and two walls crashed, sending tons of brick and debris downward into the street. At a late hour tonight police had accounted for only two injured. They were Jacob Letz, who suffered cuts and bruises and back injuries, and Fred Roeling, 17, head injuries.

Dr. J. O. Nibley, who was standing at the window of his office in the Morgan building across the street, witnessed the crash.

"I was just watching the crowds go by," he said, "when a movement of the roof of the building caught my eye. I saw the roof slowly give way, then the second floor began to splinter, all of which bulged the front wall of the building, a mass of tumbling bricks and timbers out into the street."

Two automobiles parked in front of the building were demolished and a street car was jammed to a stop.

A slight quivering of the building before the crash gave those inside a chance to escape.

LEGION HONORS TWO LOCAL MEN AT CONVENTION

Vic McKenzie National Committeeman, Irl S. McSherry Vice Commander

LOVE STATE EXECUTIVE

Mrs. Cleland of Salem Named Historian of Auxiliary; Portland Chosen for 1928 Oregon Convention

LA GRANDE, July 23.—(AP)—George E. Love of Eugene was unanimously elected department commander of Oregon, and the 1928 annual American Legion state convention was awarded to Portland at the closing session of the organization's 1927 meeting here today.

Other Legion officers elected are:

Irl S. McSherry, Salem (McMinnville post), vice commander; Thomas Stokin, Portland, finance officer; Dr. Schuyler Pratt, Hood River, chaplain; Vic McKenzie, Salem, national executive committeeman for two years.

Auxiliary Elects New Legion auxiliary officers for the coming year are: Department president, Mrs. Rose Wilcox, Antelope; secretary, Mrs. Mabel McInturff, Marshfield (re-elected); vice president, Mrs. Jessie Kelly, Baker; historian, Mrs. Cleland, Salem; district committee women, Mrs. Verona Nelson, Newberg; Mrs. Belle Sheasley, Hermiston, and Mrs. Nell Coats, Albany.

Delegates to Paris convention: Mrs. Gerald Wilcox, Antelope; Mrs. Harold Herschner, Hood

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FIGHT ON AGAIN FOR INCOME TAX

BALLOT TITLE REQUEST DEFECTIVE; MUST AMEND

Provides Exemption of \$3,000 for Single Persons; \$5000 For Married.

Petition for an initiative measure providing for an income tax in the state of Oregon was filed in the state department here Saturday by the State Income Tax League, of which H. W. Stallard of Portland is president.

The tax would be collectible in the year 1928 based on income for the year 1928. The proposed measure is the same as the one initiated by the Oregon State grange two years ago with the exception of the rates of taxation and amount of exemptions.

The rate for the first \$1000 net income above exemption was fixed in the proposed measure at two per cent. For the second \$1000 or fraction thereof three per cent, third \$1000, four per cent; fourth \$1000, five per cent, fifth \$1000 six per cent; sixth \$1000, seven per cent; seventh \$1000, eight per cent; eighth \$1000, nine per cent; ninth \$1000 ten per cent; and all over \$9000 twenty per cent.

The measure would exempt married persons or heads of families from payment of the tax on incomes up to \$5000. The exemption for single persons was fixed at \$3000. Exemptions for dependents is \$400 each.

The secretary of state said the petition was not in proper form and would have to be returned to the league officials for correction. George Bylander of Portland is secretary of the organization sponsoring the measure. In case sufficient signatures to the petitions are obtained the measure would go on the ballot at the next general election.

PROTESTS LAP SITTING

Rabby Pushed Her Off; Woman Granted Divorce and Alimony

CHICAGO, July 23.—(AP)—After she testified that her husband embarrassed her before company by objecting to her sitting on his lap, and pushing her off on the floor when she did so, Mrs. Rosalind Bosberg was today granted a divorce from Albert I. Bosberg, Hollywood motion picture writer. She was awarded \$100 a week alimony. They were married September 12, 1926 and separated April 22, 1927.

LEG FRACTURED WHEN CAR HITS

ROBERT W. CONN, CABINET MAKER, ACCIDENT VICTIM

Truck, Driven by Young Japanese Strikes While Avoiding Collision

Robert W. Conn, age 66, 703 N. High street, cabinet maker for a number of years at the Hanson-Lillequist planning mill, suffered a broken leg and severe bruises yesterday afternoon shortly after 4 o'clock, as a result of the second case of a pedestrian being struck by an auto within the past three days.

Conn was struck at the intersection of Court and Liberty streets by a truck driven by M. Furuyama, aged 17, garden truck farmer at Lake Labish.

Furuyama, according to his own statement, was driving east on Court street, and at the intersection of Court and Liberty was forced to swing to the left to avoid being struck by a Mack truck moving west, which had started to turn south of Liberty without signalling.

On attempting to get back to the right side of the street, he says, he saw a number of people crossing the intersection, several coming from behind the Mack truck. Although he was only going 10 miles an hour, his truck was heavily loaded, and he was unable to come to an immediate stop.

Conn was crossing the street from the south, and was able to jump back out of the way of the front of the truck, being struck by the hub-cap and knocked down.

Furuyama stopped his truck within a few feet of the accident, and helped to carry the injured man into the Nelson and Hunt drug store, then going to the police station to make a report. He

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COWS CHEW DYNAMITE

Explosive Chemicals Kill Bovines; Post-Mortem Cautions

MEDFORD, July 23.—(AP)—A half dozen cows, grazing in the Butte Falls district, ate dynamite a few days ago, and have gone the way of all flesh. Four of the cows belonged to Mike Hanley, the other two were the property of W. Allen.

The dynamite was hidden beneath the roof of a tree by employees of the Owen-Oregon Lumber company, where it was found by the cattle. They were hungry for salt, and ate the dynamite, which contains salt and kindred chemicals. About a dozen sticks of the explosive were eaten.

A post mortem was held to determine the cause of death, in a rough and reckless manner, but when the cause was ascertained, more caution was exercised.

Claims for the deceased stock have been filed against, and paid by the Owen-Oregon Lumber company.

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HEARING DATE NOT SET

Public Service Commission to Conduct at I. C. C. Request

The public service commission has been requested by the interstate commerce commission to conduct a hearing with relation to the application of the Southern Pacific company to abandon its Airline branch in Polk county. Members of the public service commission said the request would be granted.

The time and place of the hearing will be fixed by the interstate commerce commission.

LIGHTNING STRIKES BARN

Resulting Flames Destroy Structure and Hay at Eugene

EUGENE, July 23.—(AP)—During a brief thunderstorm here this evening, which was accompanied by a light shower of rain, lightning struck the barn of G. F. Blanton, three miles from Eugene, setting fire and destroying the barn and tons of hay.

MANY DWELLINGS RISE

Record For 1926 To Be Passed Early This Year, Seen

Prospects for passing last year's record in number of dwellings erected in Salem, comparatively early this year are good, according to figures issued at the Salem chamber of commerce offices. The total for 1926 was 392 residences, and 390 have already been started this year, these figures show. The total up to the first of July was 237.

RECORDS FALL WHEN MERCURY HITS 108 MARK

Salem Hottest City in Oregon Yesterday; Exceeds Friday Mark 8 Degrees

RAIN STARTS FALLING

Light Shower Accompanied by Violent Lightning And Thunder Storm Hits Salem; No Damage Expected

Heat records in Salem for all time toppled and fell yesterday when the official weather bureau thermometer registered the unprecedented temperature of 108 degrees. This exceeds by eight points the mark of 100 set Friday.

The highest previous temperature recorded in the 35 years the government maintained a weather bureau here was 107 degrees, on July 10, last year. A mark of 106 degrees set August 12, 1920, was the record up to that time. Incidentally, according to associated press dispatches, Salem was the hottest place in Oregon yesterday.

No Prostrations Reported No heat prostrations were reported by the hospitals, but several down town offices found it desirable to close during the afternoon, and the exodus of people from Salem and vicinity to the ocean beaches and mountain resorts is expected to rival that on July 4th.

Swimming pools and river beaches were clogged with people seeking relief from the hot sun, but no water accidents were occasioned.

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Rain Starts Falling

An at least temporary respite from the heat came when rain began to fall about 7:45. With an accompanying storm of violent lightning and thunder, such as has not been experienced in Salem for some years. The showers continued at intervals throughout the early night, but the precipitation was slight.

Unless the rain continues, no damage to crops is expected. Quite a lot of grain and hay are down but will not be hurt by the slight wetness.

Most of the cherries have been picked, but those which are still on the trees may be cracked. The rain will prove a benefit to the loganberries as they have been getting dry under the prolonged heat spell.

The hot spell has revived the business of the ice cream and cool drink dispensaries which have suffered this season because of the cool weather early in the summer.

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Chautauqua Today and Tomorrow

This Afternoon.

The Allpress All Star Trio is one of those big little companies that represent the very finest traditions in the Chautauqua movement and appeal to every genuine music lover. Allpress All Star Company

This Evening The Allpress Company gives a prelude of tuneful music. Allpress All Star Company

Then, one of the most eloquent preachers of the East, and writer of a widely read, syndicated column in the newspapers, speaks. Dr. Alexander Cairns.

The choir of the First M. E. church will sing Sunday evening and the Rev. Mr. Tully will speak. No admission for Sunday programs.

Monday Afternoon

Earl Scott comes along with his merry Highland Scotch songs; reminiscence of Harry Lander, Maroon Gallagher Scott gives a few of her life-like impersonations. Together, they present a playlet of interest to every married person—and those that hope to be. The Scotts (From Santa Fe's Artist Colony)

Monday Evening The "piece de resistance" of the French say, is the last night play—the hilarious drama of American youth and American homes up to the present hour—along, jazz and all. So tremendous a stage success that its very name is a household idiom. "Applesauce"

