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WEATHER

Fair, slowly rising temperature today and Thursday; Max. Temp. Tuesday 75, Min. 55, river -4 feet, rain .02 inch.

EIGHTY-SECOND YEAR

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MEIER TO TAKE OVER ISSUANCE OF AUTO TAGS

Row With Hoss Flares up; Secretary Points out Law on Licenses

Personalities Bantered in Board of Control Meet; Audit is Ordered

The Meier-Hoss controversy, flaring recently over the matter of auto licenses, was renewed Tuesday when the governor, following an exchange with the secretary of state, threatened to take the issuance of motor licenses out of the state department and to place it in the hands of the treasurer and the executive department.

The governor's declaration came during a heated discussion with Hoss at a meeting of the state board of control. He indicated his plan would permit the sale of license plates on a quarterly basis. The governor intimated that his proposal would be ready in a few days.

The discussion followed a query by Governor Meier as to whether Hoss had changed his mind about refusing to issue license plates on a quarterly payment plan. Hoss responded that he had no intention of changing his mind so long as the law gave him no authority.

"Then I will take it out of your hands and handle it through the state treasury department," Governor Meier retorted.

Special Session is Only Way Says Hoss
Hoss informed Governor Meier that any change in the motor vehicle license laws, with special reference to adopting a quarterly payment plan, would require the legislature to consider. He said this could be done by calling a special session.

Meier replied that the taxpayers of Oregon do not want a special legislative session, and that the matter could be handled without going to that expense and trouble.

Rufus C. Holman, state treasurer and third member of the state board of control, acted in the role of an unsuccessful arbiter. He urged the governor and secretary of state to forget their differences and arrive at some satisfactory settlement of the license controversy.

Later in the discussion Governor Meier moved that an independent auditor be appointed to examine the books and records of the secretary of state. The governor said that he previously had attempted to obtain such an order, but had delayed action at Hoss' request until after the primary election. Hoss denied emphatically that he ever had made such a request of Governor Meier or any other person.

Claims no Basis For Motion Exists
Governor Meier and Holman supported the motion, with Hoss refusing to vote. Hoss declared that the audit was asked primarily to embarrass his administration, and was not based on any legitimate complaint.

"Had this motion been made fairly and in the interest of good business I would have supported it," Hoss added.

"This is just another move on your part to embarrass me," Hoss continued. "What's the matter, don't you want me to serve as secretary of state?"

"I certainly do not if you refuse to cooperate with other state officials in operating an efficient government," Governor Meier replied.

"Before I am through with this fight I intend to issue a statement showing your lack of cooperation, and how many proposals you have protested."

Hoss retorted that he had done fully as much as any other member of the state board of control toward saving the taxpayers' money. The remark was repeated by Hoss, with emphasis on "this board of control."

Holman then suggested mildly that the discussion come to an end, and that the board proceed to dispose of its official business.

"No, what's the use?" Hoss responded. "It makes good newspaper copy."

"You bet it does," Governor Meier replied. "There will be a" (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Salem Pair Escape Truxillo Disaster; Make Earlier Trip

Roberts and Hofstetter Leave Ill-Fated Boat Few Minutes Before Wreck; Brother Of Mrs. Brazeau is Victim

RELIEF that he had taken the morning trip on the fishing boat Truxillo, instead of the later trip on which the boat was wrecked with the loss of nine lives, was written on the face of Edward F. Roberts, Oregon Electric agent here, Tuesday when he told how with Hans Hofstetter he had gone deep-sea fishing Sunday morning at Garibaldi on the ill-fated vessel's last safe trip.

The local men went out to sea on the Truxillo at 9 o'clock Sunday morning, in company with 16 other passengers. The steering gear broke before the boat was crossed, but it was repaired during a half-hour delay in mid-bay. Although there was a heavy mist over the bay, the weather cleared for a time after the bar was crossed. The sea became extremely choppy making many passengers ill, among them Billy York, son of the captain, who was drowned on the next trip, Roberts said.

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MERGER PETITIONS REPORTED SOLEMN

20,500 Signatures Missing After Holdup and Safe Breaking, Claimed

PORTLAND, Ore., July 5.—(AP)—Two armed men, both masked, last night broke into the office of S. H. Slocum and Cyril Brownell, made Robert Tallman, night watchman a captive, and robbed the safe of petitions, bearing 20,500 signatures, for the consolidation of the University of Oregon and Oregon State college on one campus at Corvallis, police here were told.

Police detectives, after an all-day investigation, reported that the robbery remained unsolved. They refused to divulge any clues they might have unearthed, but only remarked that the investigation would continue.

Tallman told police he was sitting in Brownell's office reading a newspaper when the two men, one carrying two handbags, entered. He said they ordered him to sit still and keep quiet, then one stepped to the safe, manipulated the combination dial, swung open the door, removed the bundles of petitions from the vault, and placed them in the handbags.

Tallman said the two left after (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Portland Doctor Commits Suicide

PORTLAND, Ore., July 5.—(AP)—The coroner's office here said that Dr. Harry R. Mannell, Portland chiropractor, 48, committed suicide today by inhaling gas in his downtown office.

His body was found by his widow, Mrs. Rosa F. Mannell, who said the doctor had been in ill health for a number of years.

Oregon Briefs

WEST QUESTIONED
MEMPHIS, Ore., July 5.—(AP)—Frank G. Manning was arrested by Sheriff G. W. Manning today for questioning in connection with three fires that started here yesterday within an hour of each other.

A house owned by Wayne Stannard, mayor of Brownsville, was destroyed and the homes of J. A. Sharp and M. H. Kendall were damaged.

Chief of Police Pearson said the fires were all of incendiary origin. Sheriff Manning said a witness saw a man resembling West twice in the vicinity of the fires.

COMPANION SOUGHT
AIBANY, Ore., July 5.—(AP)—Geraardo Manzano, Mexican, died at a hospital here today from a gunshot wound which police were told he received yesterday in an argument over a Mexican girl.

Police were looking for Gregorio Perez, who they were told did the shooting. They said Perez disappeared immediately after the shooting.

INCENDIARISM CLAIMED
MEXICAN SLAIN, ALBANY
Modern Valjean Freed
River Tonnage Is Told

GLOBE DASHERS OVER ATLANTIC AFTER DELAYS

Lose way in fog, are Three Hours Behind Schedule At Harbor Grace

Go 150 Miles too far and Arrive in Storm; Good Weather is Ahead

HARBOR GRACE, N. F., July 5.—(AP)—Captain Bennett Griffin and James Matters were over the broad Atlantic tonight, headed for Europe on the second leg of their projected round-the-world flight against time and the record of Wiley Post and Harold Gatty.

The two American fliers, who left New York early today and reached Harbor Grace after being lost in fog banks that left them three hours behind the record holders at this point, had refreshments, refueled and within approximately two hours more were headed east with one thought predominant: "We want to get there, that's all."

At their departure from New York the fliers said, the weather was perfect. As they neared Nova Scotia they encountered the fog. They tried to climb over it and then to get under it, but finally were forced to fly blindly for an hour and a half.

Both Gardner and Matters expected to reach Harbor Grace today. They sighted no land after becoming fog-bound until they reached New Town in Bonavista Bay. They were forced to drop a note near Cape Freels to ascertain the direction of Harbor Grace and to overflow their destination by more than 100 (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

COLLEAGUES CHEER CANDIDATE GARNER

WASHINGTON, July 5.—(AP)—A rousing ovation was given Speaker John N. Garner today by a cheering house as he faced his colleagues for the first time since becoming democratic vice presidential nominee.

Garner intended to confer with Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt at Albany the latter part of this week on plans for the campaign if congress adjourns within a few days.

He made known today he did not want any elaborate ceremony when he receives formal notification of his nomination. He added there was "not going to be any expense."

After the opening prayer, Representative Snell, republican leader and permanent chairman of his party's convention, went to the rostrum to congratulate the speaker. More applause followed.

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"Merrily We Go To Jail" Play's Author Decides

NEW YORK, July 5.—(AP)—Dorothy Fletcher of Santa Monica, Cal., author of "Merrily We Go to Hell," chose jail instead of a \$50 traffic fine in the Bronx today because she "wanted the experience."

"It may help me with my writing," she said. Patrick Joseph Conway, the complainant, said she denied the fender of his new automobile and sped on without stopping. He pursued her a mile, he said, before he could force her car to the curb and halt it.

She pleaded guilty and will spend three days in the Bronx county jail.

Lenz Quits Due To Endorsement Of Tournery Foe

NEW YORK, July 5.—(AP)—Sidney S. Lenz, the bridge expert, today announced his resignation from Bridge Headquarters, Inc., sponsor of the "official" bidding of contract.

Lenz resigned, it was learned, because of the recent settling of hostilities between Bridge Headquarters and the organization of Elio Culbertson, and what he termed "the impending endorsement of the Culbertson system of play" by the "official" group.

CHERRY PICKING FATAL
PORTLAND, July 5.—(AP)—Mrs. H. F. Eichorst, 59, died in a hospital here tonight from injuries she suffered today when she fell from a ladder while picking cherries at her Portland home.

Talked as Head Of Third Party



WILLIAM E. BORAH

PROHIBITIONISTS SEEKING LEADER

Party Convention Opens and Platforms of Both Big Groups are Flayed

INDIANAPOLIS, July 5.—(AP)—Indications that national temperance organizations are interested in sponsoring Senator Borah as a third party candidate for the presidency were in evidence today as the prohibition party opened its quadrennial convention.

Leaders of the party said representatives of the national groups were urging it postpone naming a candidate until after the national conference of organizations supporting prohibition, in Washington July 14. At that gathering the situation resulting from the democratic and republican repeal and reestablishment stands will be studied and a campaign outlined.

Meanwhile, those familiar with negotiations to obtain Borah's acceptance of the prohibition party's nomination, said they were definitely of the opinion that if a number of the big temperance groups would give him their active support he would make the race.

The convention began today in a typical setting of bunting, state standards and organ music. The repeal and reestablishment planks adopted by democrats and republicans at Chicago were lashed in a keynote speech by Clinton N. Howard of Rochester, New York, who has been delivering prohibition speeches for more than 40 years. In addition he praised Senator Borah as a man who "would not compromise his convictions."

The republican plank he flayed as "the most stupendous, Titanic, colossal, calamitous, crimson, conscienceless, barbaric and cataclysmic fraud ever perpetrated upon the people." He termed the democratic and republican auto, which had skidded when the driver applied the brakes in attempting to avoid the crash. The Kightlinger sedan skidded across the intersection and landed upside down near the curb, with leaving Kightlinger standing on his head.

Pedestrians righted the sedan and helped the driver get out. A minor collision at State and Commercial streets between cars operated by Horace Hickman, 19, of 1395 South High street, and Cliff Hakarid was reported to police last night.

YOUTH DIES FROM FALL, MOUNT HOOD

PORTLAND, July 5.—(AP)—Glenn Gullickson, Portland youth, died today from injuries he suffered when he fell 300 feet down the icy slope of Mount Hood.

News of his death was brought to Government camp tonight by Gordon Nugent, of Chicago, Ill., and Wayne Aden of Petersburg, Ill., Gullickson's companions.

At the time of the accident, Nugent and Aden clambered to the side of the fallen lad, and seeing he was seriously hurt, Aden hurried to Government camp for help while Nugent remained with Gullickson.

Firecrackers no Peril Compared To Driving Cows

SILVERTON HILLS, July 5.—(Special)—After spending the Fourth shooting firecrackers and running about in holiday traffic, 13-year-old Maurice Benson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Benson of here, returned to his parents' farm home late Monday evening, went to the pastures to bring home the cows, tripped and fell on a small stick, injuring one eye to such an extent that the loss of sight in that eye is feared.

Counterfeiters Busy as Dallas

DALLAS, July 5.—(Special)—Two counterfeit \$20 bills were turned in at the bank in Dallas today. One was taken to the C. Y. Brewer store and the other at Finest's department store, both bearing the same serial numbers and were poor imitations. No trace has been discovered of the party circulating them.

ALFALFA BILL'S FRIENDS LOSING STATE PRIMARY

Senator Thomas, Regarded As Outsider; foe is Ahead for House

Two Other Races Going to Men Lacking Support Of W. H. Murray

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 6.—(Wednesday)—(AP)—Incomplete returns from Oklahoma's primary election showed leads in most major races for candidates who made their campaigns without benefit of Governor William H. Murray's stamp of approval.

While Senator Elmer Thomas, far in the lead for the democratic nomination, was not openly opposed by Murray, political observers generally regarded E. M. McCool, democratic state chairman, and Homer Smith, Oklahoma City lawyer, as more favored by the governor.

With 483 out of 3309 precincts reported, Senator Thomas had 24,133 votes against 21,841 for Smith and 8643 for McCool. Others Not Backed By Murray Ahead

For the democratic nomination for congressman-at-large, a pronounced foe of Murray was in the lead. Mrs. Mabel Bassett, state commissioner of charities, polled 8610 votes in 506 precincts. E. B. Howard of Tulsa, former congressman, was second with 7785. Representative W. W. Hastings, favored by Murray for democratic renomination in the second district, trailed Alex Johnston, Oklahoma lawyer and oil man.

Nel Gardner of Sentinel, who served with Murray in the constitutional convention and bore the governor's endorsement for congress from the seventh district, was behind J. V. McCool, incumbent, for the democratic nomination.

AUTO UPSETS BUT INJURED LIST NIL

Although his sedan was turned upside down, with his windshield shattered, Grant Kightlinger, 24, of 1187 South Commercial street, escaped uninjured yesterday evening from a collision between his car and one driven by R. M. Donahoe, of 2250 North Fourth street, at Commercial and Trade streets. Neither Donahoe nor a woman and child in his coupe were hurt.

The Donahoe machine, turning into Trade from Commercial, was struck on a rear fender by a car driven by R. M. Donahoe, of 2250 North Fourth street, at Commercial and Trade streets. Neither Donahoe nor a woman and child in his coupe were hurt.

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Chile Gold Boom Will Counteract Slump in Copper

SANTIAGO, July 5.—(AP)—Boom times in Chile's gold fields soon will counteract sad times in the nitrate and copper industries, D. Stewart Iglehart, president of W. R. Grace and company, importers, exporters and shippers, declared today after a survey of the nation's economic situation.

Gold and agriculture, Iglehart said, should pull Chile out of the depression. Many men already have gone to the gold fields and soon thousands will follow them, he said.

"Friend of the Family" Admits Slaying of Pair

LOS ANGELES, July 5.—(AP)—A 45-year-old "friend of the family," Erwin S. Limer, detective said, confessed to detectives tonight that he killed Edwin H. Clarke, 53, retired telephone engineer from New Jersey, and his wife, Mrs. Kamada Clarke, 55, last night, at their home where he had been living.

Detectives quoted Limer as saying Clarke accused him of undue attentions to Mrs. Clarke and in the ensuing quarrel, both attacked him—the wife with a butcher's knife, the husband with a hammer.

Limer said, detectives reported, he grappled with Mrs. Clarke for possession of the knife, rushed to his room and got his pistol, shot Clarke as the latter again wielded the hammer, stopped a

Steps Taken Looking Toward Federal Loan For Municipal Water

Child Stealing Charge Denied; Plea Reversed

Resolution Passed at Council Session; No Opposition

Obstacles to Putting Statesman Plan in Operation Seen

COUNCIL APPROVES LARGE BOND ISSUE

\$30,389.98 in Bancrofts is Voted After Pair of Aldermen Balk

Approval of a \$30,389.98 improvement bond issue under the Bancroft act nearly lost out at the council meeting last night. After first and second readings of the ordinance, Aldermen Henderson and Hughes refused to accede to suspension of the rules so that the measure could be read for the third time and voted on.

After Alderman Kowitz explained that the bonds were the same as those approved by the council many times before and were to enable property owners to substitute 10 annual payments for a straight cash outlay for improvements assessed to them, Hughes withdrew his objections and moved to reconsider. The rule suspension was approved on the second vote and the bonds approved.

Anxious to be away, the councilmen hurried through a series of ordinances and resolutions, referring most of them to committees, and adjourned after a half-hour session. (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

TALK SMITH AGAIN FOR GOVERNORSHIP

NEW YORK, July 5.—(AP)—Swift gestures of harmony began consolidating the union democracy behind Franklin D. Roosevelt today and raising the possibility of a Roosevelt-Smith ticket in New York.

A Tammany movement to nominate Alfred E. Smith for a fifth term as governor was described by the Evening Post. Many spokesmen were absent and Smith still maintained his silence.

A possible bar to a fifth term for Smith in the governor's chair was seen in the general understanding that Roosevelt desired today and raising the possibility of a Roosevelt-Smith ticket in New York.

A more likely barrier would be Smith's reluctance to retrace his steps and again run for governor after aspiring to the presidency.

Son of Telephone Official Killed

BROOKINGS, S. D., July 5.—(AP)—Edwin Carter, 22, son of E. F. Carter, vice president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, was killed, and Walter Sherman Gifford, 14, son of W. S. Gifford, president of the company, was injured in an automobile accident near here tonight.

Portland Legion Post Backs Both Bonus and Army

PORTLAND, July 5.—(AP)—Resolutions favoring immediate payment of the soldiers' adjusted service certificates and approving the presence of the bonus army in Washington, D. C., were passed by Portland Post, No. 1, American Legion, meeting here tonight.

The post also passed resolutions denouncing the \$1.50 wage scale proposed by the state highway commission for relief work and the suggested reduction in the city relief work scale from \$4 to \$3 a day.

Another step toward early municipal water works construction for Salem was taken last night when the city council unanimously passed a resolution unanimous the mayor and recorder to apply to the Reconstruction Finance corporation for a loan of \$1,800,000 for this purpose. The resolution was submitted by the utilities committee.