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The Weather  
Cloudy or foggy today, becoming unsettled followed by rain Sunday; warmer; Max. Temp. Friday 41, Min. 30, river 11.6 feet.

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EIGHTY-FIFTH YEAR

## Commission Is Urged to Pick Water Source

\$180,000 Improvement in System Here Tied Up With That Issue

Recommendation Carries Proviso; Will Be Up to Council Soon

A two-edged report tying city water distribution system improvements in with choice of source of supply was adopted by a divided vote at the session of the city council's special water committee which met in Alderman Walter Fuhrer's office last night.

This report, to be handed back to the council Monday night, provides that if the water commission will recommend a source of supply and within the next year so, the council will turn over to it for immediate system improvements \$180,000 in water bond funds. The council to do this would sell \$150,000 worth of bonds and give the commission \$30,000 now lying in the water bond account.

Could Also Apply Share of Profits

Alderman David O'Hara, who moved the \$180,000 appropriation, said the commission could apply \$100,000 of its annual profits and within the next year secure as much as \$40,000 additional in the form of WPA labor, bringing the total possible expenditure for laying new water mains up to \$320,000, or nearly half the sum requested by the commission.

O'Hara's motion faced death for want of a second until Alderman H. H. Olinger agreed to put his name to it if O'Hara would accept a "prefix" reading "when the water commission makes a recommendation as to source of supply." O'Hara had declined to accept a second by Alderman Merrill D. Ohling with the stipulation amendment of the appropriation to \$300,000 in water bond money.

Olinger predicted the water commission would adhere to its previous emphatic stand that the council should name the source of supply.

Expected Commission To Decline Choice

"You'll get an answer back (from the commission) respectfully declining to recommend a source," Olinger declared.

Should the council adopt the committee report, and the commission subsequently refuse to name the source, O'Hara's intention—voiced when he put his motion—of getting unemployed men at work promptly on water-works improvements would be thwarted.

The "prefix" motion drew the eye votes of Aldermen O'Hara, Olinger and Van Wieder, the opposition of Fuhrer and Ohling. Alderman Fred A. Williams and Mayor V. E. Kuhn were absent.

Hiring Engineers

O'Hara had seconded a motion by Olinger that the council be requested to authorize the special committee to hire two consulting engineers and a bacteriologist to recommend "the most economical and best source of water" but his second was withdrawn after Olinger had amended the motion to provide that the water commission supply the information desired. O'Hara said he was afraid the amended motion would not put men to work.

"I don't think we're ready to name a supply," O'Hara stated.

"You'd vote for the Santiam, you know you would," Olinger declared.

"Sure," replied O'Hara, and he then suggested an appropriation of \$100,000 to \$150,000 for laying mains.

Check on Previous Data Is Proposed

Fuhrer then moved that additional bonds be sold and that the "water commission with its hired engineer do check figures of Bear & Cunningham on the comparison of the Willamette river and the Santiam supply and report back to the council not later than December 16." No one seconded his motion and he withdrew it when a cost comparison of the two supplies, tabulated by the water offices, was exhibited.

The committee generally (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

## Peppers Topic At Round Table For Next Week

Staffed peppers make a fine cold weather dish. Recipes for preparing them are wanted at the Round Table this coming week. The contest lasts until Thursday noon, December 5.

More than one recipe may be sent in if desired. A first prize of \$1 in cash and two second prizes of 50 cents each await the winners. Please check recipes carefully before submitting them as very good ones are frequently disqualified because some vital ingredient is left out.

## Warns Italians To Keep Peace



PIERRE LAVAL

## Ultimatum Given Italy by France

Viewed as Wrecking Hope Of Further Delay on Oil Sanctions

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LONDON, Nov. 29.—A virtual ultimatum to Premier Pierre Laval of France, warning him officially to refrain from an unprovoked attack on Great Britain in the Mediterranean sea, was disclosed in authoritative British quarters tonight.

Laval told 11 Duce's ambassadors directly, these sources said, that France would consider such an attack to be an attack on France.

(Paris dispatches said M. Laval's action on the subject of an unprovoked sea attack against Great Britain had wrecked Italian hopes for further delay in a League of Nations oil embargo against the fascist kingdom.)

High quarters professed no alarm over reports of mysterious Italian troop movements. Simultaneously they expressed opinion that oil sanctions against Italy would be applied quickly following upon the December 12 meeting of the League of Nations sanctions committee to discuss such an embargo.

## Falls Loop Oiling Bids Asked Today

A heavy state highway program calling for an outlay of more than one million dollars will be let today in Portland when the highway commission meets there to open bids on projects calling for 50 miles of highway construction and the building of 13 bridges and two railroad undercrossings.

Marion county's share in the program consists of a 12.63 mile job on the Silvertown-Silver Creek Falls secondary highway. This stretch of road is to be resurfaced and an oil mat treatment added thereto.

One of the largest jobs to be awarded today will be in Lane county where nine crescent pile trestle bridges with concrete decks are to be built on the Junction City-Eugene secondary highway.

## Meldrum Man Killed By State Car Seeking Aid for Injured Pair

OREGON CITY, Ore., Nov. 29.—(AP)—B. A. Hoas, 70, Meldrum station, died of injuries received today when he was struck by a car driven by State Patrolman W. A. Lewis.

Lewis was en route to Oregon City to obtain aid for Pearl Clark and Thomas Morgan, both of Milwaukie, who were hurt when their car collided with a truck on the super-highway between Oregon City and Gladstone.

The woman and Morgan later were brought to a hospital here.

## Manager Plan Amendment Drafted; to Appear Monday

Introduction of an ordinance providing for a charter amendment changing the city government to a manager form was authorized after a meeting of interested councilmen last night. The measure was given final revision and will be introduced on Monday night.

As revised the measure does not decrease the number of councilmen nor does it change the manner of their election. The mayor will be elected at large as at the present time.

Besides the election of the aldermen and mayor, the people will also elect a municipal judge. All other officers are to be appointed by the city manager.

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## Railroad For Coast Region Being Sought

Federal Aid to Finance Marshfield - Eureka Line Proposed

Would Tap Curry County and Other Isolated Coastal Areas

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29.—(AP)—Redwood Empire association of officials today launched a move to obtain federal government aid in the construction of a railroad from Eureka, Calif., to Marshfield, Ore.

Paul Mudgett of Fortuna, chairman of the association's transportation committee, said supervisors of four California counties, Del Norte, Sonoma, Mendocino and Marin, asked the organization to contact federal officials regarding the possibility of government aid for the project.

"Everything is still very much in the preliminary stage," Mudgett said, and we have no idea yet whether federal aid is even a possibility.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Nov. 29.—(AP)—Construction of a rail line from Eureka, Calif., to Marshfield, proposed in a move launched today by the Redwood Empire association, has been discussed recently here for the past two decades.

In 1933 an official of the Southern Pacific said "if it hadn't been for the depression, Marshfield (Coos Bay) would have had a rail outlet to the south before this."

The present line in southwest Oregon extends from Eugene southwestward to Marshfield and on to Powers 50 miles further south.

Powers, which is 25 miles inland, is 70 miles from the California line and about 160 miles from Eureka. Towns along the coast include Port Orford, Gold Beach and Brookings, Ore., and Crescent City, Calif.

## Hydrant Rentals Issue Is Settled

Split Difference; Final Dicker with Water Company Is Ended

What is believed to be the last dicker the city may have with the Oregon-Washington Water Service company was settled, pending approval by the city council, when the utilities committee last night decided to recommend a compromise settlement of hydrant water rentals which was said to be acceptable to H. K. Griffin, vice-president of the company.

The committee Monday night will recommend that the \$6300 bill submitted by the committee be settled for \$5621.60. City officials originally had offered \$4,000.

## Goodall Is Freed Of Larceny Count

It took a jury in justice court less than seven minutes late yesterday afternoon to free Lawrence Goodall, 32, of near Aumsville, of a charge of petty larceny. Complaint against Goodall was made by a neighbor, Archie Pardee, who with Deputy Sheriff B. G. Honeycutt presented testimony for the state. P. H. Lunger was foreman of the jury.

Pardee claimed that Goodall had feloniously taken several tools and some harness lines from his place, but the defendant alleged Pardee had told him he might use the tools, and that he had borrowed them with that in mind.

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# Van Vlack Admits Slaying

Kansas Governor in Limelight As Possible G.O.P. Candidate



Here is a new picture of Gov. Alfred M. Landon of Kansas, potential Republican nominee for president in 1936, and two of his children, John Cobb, 2, and Nancy Josephine, 3, as they loafed in front of the fire at the executive mansion at Topeka.

## Auto Registration Records Exceeded

Expected to Hit 300,000 Before New Fiscal Year Is Begun

All records for total number of passenger and commercial autos registered in Oregon will fall this year with assurances yesterday from Earl H. Snell, secretary of state, that the aggregate number of licenses issued would exceed 300,000.

Up to November 20, 289,302 licenses had been granted by the department and with December 15 the first date for issuing new licenses, the 300,000 mark will be exceeded, Snell averred.

The highest number heretofore reached was in the fiscal year of 1931 when licenses reached 283,549 in number. During the depression the total of licenses issued went down to 244,364, this figure being for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1933.

An all-time high in the total amount of gasoline tax collected will also be reached this year, according to the secretary of state's office. By the end of October collections had aggregated \$7,721,000 while in 1934 the best previous year, collections ran only to \$8,262,000.

Marked increase in gasoline tax income has been noted by the state's last three months. Collections for August were the highest on record, totalling \$167,888 above collections for 1934. In October this year the increase was even more marked, total collections being \$179,009 over the year before. Collections in October totalled \$864,807.

Gasoline sales for the year to date have amounted to 12,808,000 gallons more than in 1934, with 7,300,000 of the increase being made in the last three months.

## Lions Take Lead

VANCOUVER, Nov. 29.—(AP)—Guy Patrick's Vancouver Lions climbed back into the lead of the Northwest Hockey league with a 4 to 3 victory over Edmonton Eskimos in a nip-and-tuck battle here tonight.

## Bulletin

The police hadn't quite caught up with the "pants pocket" burglar yet, but with the aid of the U. S. army reserves, they had just about overtaken him and learned the color of his skin, early this morning.

Cecil Edwards, reserve officer and employe of the McKay Chevrolet company, arrived home early this morning at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Edwards, 1160 Waller street, and ran right into the burglar who was at his favorite occupation in a room where the clothing was kept.

Young Edwards and the burglar engaged in a struggle in the dark, after the best movie traditions, ending when Mrs. A. E. Edwards came downstairs to see what the rumpus was. As she approached, the burglar fled.

Cecil, who suffered only a few bruises and who called the police immediately, said he was certain the burglar was a Negro.

W. H. McClain's bloodhound was taken to the scene to assist in the search which was being made by all available police.

## Unidentified Body Is Found in River

Pockets Are Filled with Rocks; Discovery Is Made by Youths

Dr. L. E. Barrick, county coroner, was called to Aurora at 3:45 p. m. yesterday, when it was reported that a body of a man had been found washed up on a cable extending into Padala river, about 100 yards east of the Pacific highway. Youths in that neighborhood, Bob Hurst and Delbert Hill, made the discovery.

The body, fully clothed, had (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

## Officers Elected By Scout Council

Haag to Be President for Fourth Year; District Leaders Are Named

The Cascade area Boy Scout council last night elected A. C. Haag president for a fourth year, term at its meeting at the chamber of commerce here and named Willis Clark vice-president and T. A. Windishar treasurer.

The council also decided to replace its monthly with quarterly meetings. District committees will meet monthly. The new officers will be installed at the annual banquet here January 8.

Other officers were filled as follows: District chairmen—A. S. Jensen of Monmouth, Polk district; C. A. Wyman of Albany, Linn district; F. M. Powell of Silverton, Silver Falls district; Dr. B. F. Pound of Salem, Cherry City district; L. C. Buchner of Woodburn, North Marion district.

Area commissioner—Reverend George H. Swift, Salem.

Camping chairman—W. L. Phillips, Salem.

Executive board—Three year terms—A. C. Haag, Rev. George H. Swift, Charles Hudkins, A. S. Jensen, Josiah Willis, T. H. Grant, F. M. Powell, two-year terms—Fred Evenden, Clem M. Howard, Frank Gansel, T. A. Windishar, George Rhoten, W. L. Phillips, Dr. William Macniel, F. E. Selmens, one-year terms—C. A. Wyman, L. C. Buchner, Burton Dunn, Earl Adams, Willis Clark, Dr. B. F. Pound.

## Yuletide Opening Draws Big Crowd

Hundreds of townspeople paraded downtown streets last night to catch initial pictures of the galaxy of holiday merchandise Salem merchants have prepared for this year's trade. Expectations in the retail district are for the heaviest holiday shopping since 1930.

Merchants uniformly unveiled their Christmas display windows at 7:30 o'clock. Crisp, clear weather aided in bringing out many shoppers.

Displays were set off by a wealth of holiday decorations interspersed all manner of Christmas goods. Most merchants used their windows to show numerous samples of the goods available for this year's trade.

Santa Clause appeared promptly at 8 o'clock at the courthouse lawn to pick up his heavily loaded mail box in which youngsters for several days have been depositing letters indicating their gift wishes for the season.

## Dark Horse to Be Nominee of GOP Is Belief

Hawley Sees Objections by Party Leaders to Landon and Knox

Former Congressman Is Silent on His Own Plans for '36

W. C. Hawley, staunch republican and representative of the first congressional district in congress for more than 20 years, doesn't know whom the party's candidate for president will be in 1936 and he is doubtful if anyone else does.

"Will it be Vandenberg? Or Landon? Or Knox?" Mr. Hawley was asked yesterday.

He shook his head, negatively.

The trouble?

"Each of these men would be unsatisfactory," Mr. Hawley explained. "A sizeable group in the party—and you know the republican party today is not a cohesive group—would be against each of these men; moreover if any one of them were nominated the group that supported them at the convention would hold the candidate was their man, responsible to them should he be elected."

Kansas Coward

The matter with Landon? "A man from Kansas could hardly be strong. That is a state of political whims and fancies. I hardly think the Kansas governor would be the ideal candidate."

Editor Knox? "He was a Bull Moose and ostracized by that move a large bloc of the party. As you know, Theodore Roosevelt said before his death that the formation of the Progressive party was the great mistake of his political career."

The talk gravitated to Mr. Hoover.

"I don't think Mr. Hoover is a candidate," Mr. Hawley promptly stated. "When I have talked to him during the last year I got the impression he would not take the nomination if it were proffered him. That attitude may have changed in the last year. Personally, I think Mr. Hoover the most able man in the party and a great man to work with. If he should receive the nomination I would certainly support him."

"I believe the great majority of (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

## 140 Given Jobs, WPA Next Week

Jobs for 140 men and women were ordered started next week by district WPA officers here yesterday. Labor requisitions were issued as follows:

Improving Skunk Hollow road east of Shelburn, Linn county, 15 men, Wednesday; improving market road 102 east of Shelburn, 20 men, Wednesday; hot luncheon project for Aumsville school, two cooks, Wednesday; Tennessee school repairs, Linn county, two men, Wednesday; excavating basement for Dallas WPA city hall project, 10-man shifts starting Monday; Auburn road near Salem, 16 men, Tuesday; state soil survey, Oregon State college, two women, nine men, Wednesday; sewing project, Albany, 16 men, one man, Wednesday; Sears road, Lane county, 20 men, Tuesday; road near Siletz, ten men, Tuesday; repair foundations, Nehalem school, seven men, Monday.

## \$250 Awarded Fisher In Traffic Injury Case

Damages of \$250 in favor of John J. Fisher were awarded in circuit court last yesterday against Mrs. Nell W. Staley, driver of an auto which struck Fisher on September 16 when he was walking across Summer street at Court. A voluntary non-suit was taken against W. I. Staley who was co-defendant. Plaintiff sued for \$7500, asserting that he was in a pedestrian lane when hit by the Staley car. The defendants asserted there was contributory negligence on the part of the plaintiff. The case went to the jury in Judge L. H. McMahan's court at 4:30 p. m. and three hours were taken by the jurors in arriving at their verdict.

## PWA Requirements Not to Raise Building Costs, Held

Actual increase of costs to the state under its building projects sponsored by PWA will not be more than one per cent on the two jobs for which contracts have been let, Dan Fry, secretary of the board of control, said yesterday.

"We have found that our total costs for the new state hospital building and blind school dormitory are eight per cent above last January," Fry added, adding almost all the increase to higher labor scales and increases in the costs of materials.

State and PWA Requirements Same

Fry pointed out that PWA requirements are virtually the same as those of the state and added that PWA provided its own inspectors for the job. Workmen's compensatory insurance is required whether or not the PWA participates in a job.

Ground will be broken for the new dormitory for the blind school Monday, Fry said. Work will be begun on the state hospital addition for an expenditure of \$69,195.

Hospital Addition To Front on Center

The addition to the state hospital will front on Center street, the new building being 160 feet long and 80 feet wide. It will be located (Turn to Page 3, Col. 4)

## Shot Because Hook Notified Police is Explanation Given

Gave Her no Warning Before Firing as Girl Lay in Culvert But Says She "Knew What Was Going to Happen"

Confession Is Made Before Officers And AP Reporter; Refuses to Swear to Detailed Story

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, Nov. 29.—(AP)—Douglas Van Vlack tonight admitted to officers and to an Associated Press reporter that he shot and killed his divorced wife, Mildred Hook of Tacoma, Wash.

He refused, however, when Prosecutor Edward E. Babcock asked him, to swear to a confession.

Alone in his cell later, Van Vlack told the reporter he shot the young woman in the back of the head while she lay in a railroad culvert south of this city.

An autopsy showed she had been shot through the left eye, the bullet emerging at the top of her head.

He shot without warning, Van Vlack said, and had made no previous mention of his intention to kill her.

"She knew before we left Tacoma what was going to happen to her," he said. "I killed her because I told her father I would if he didn't leave us alone."

"I'm sorry I killed her. I'm sorry for the officer's folks and for his friends. But I'm not a damned bit sorry for her folks."

"Van Vlack raised his hand at one time with the evident intention of taking an oath to the truth of his confession, and then lowered it and said:

"I'd rather not say anything right now. I want to wait until my attorney gets here."

Portland, Ore., Nov. 29.—(AP)—The state relief committee ordered today that all direct relief in Oregon cease December 1 for employable single persons and families with employable members who have been certified to the work's progress administration for jobs.

The committee said the order was necessitated because federal grants to the Oregon area ended November 1 and because the work's progress administration has requisitioned more than its quota.

The order reads:

"It will be assumed that every person assigned to a WPA job will accept such job except for the following reasons:

"That he has other employment and, therefore, does not need the job at present, and

"That he is ill, and, therefore, cannot report for the job."

"The burden of proof for showing that one of these valid reasons for not reporting to the job exists is upon the client, and until such reason is shown by the client upon his own initiative he is off the relief rolls.

## Salvation Army's Kettles Hung Out

The Salvation Army lassies are here. The annual Christmas time tinkle of their bells, rung over the familiar coin pots hung from tripods, was heard downtown this morning for the first time this season, Captain Lewis McAllan announced last night.

The funds dropped into the kettles will pay for Christmas provisions, wares, of which the Salvation Army last year delivered 168, Captain McAllan declared the need this season was at least as great as a year ago.

The Army's workers will set up their Christmas stations at three downtown locations for today and resume their stand next Thursday to continue it daily until December 25.

Captain McAllan said Salvation Army workers Thursday morning delivered at least two tons of fruit and vegetables in addition to a large quantity of canned foods to needy families. Much of this supply was contributed by Leslie junior high school students.