

The Weather
Rain or snow today and Friday, little change in temperature. Max Temp. Wednesday 43, Min. 32, river 6 feet, rain .56 inch. S-W wind.

Eighty-Sixth Year

If Paper Missed
If your paper doesn't arrive, call 9101 and one will be sent. Several carriers have flu and substitutes are handling routes.

Million Now Homeless, at Least 262 Dead

Reserve Bonneville Power for Publicly Owned Lines, Is Plea

Grange Policy For Session Is Outlined Here

No Power Measure to Be Introduced, Indicated by Morton Tompkins

Group's Viewpoint Gets Presidential Support Already, Revealed

A memorial to congress urging reservation of the power plants now being constructed by the federal government for supplying energy to consumers through publicly owned transmission and distribution lines will be introduced in the legislature at once, announced Morton Tompkins yesterday. Tompkins is a member of the legislative committee of the state grange.

The memorial will refer not only to Bonneville but to all federal plants, such as Grand Coulee, Fort Peck, and those in the Tennessee valley. The memorial will request legislation favoring assistance on publicly owned facilities for distribution to consumers of the electric energy which these federal plants will produce.

For the present no state power bill will be introduced under grange sponsorship, said Tompkins. The grange will await the action of the president's committee now making a study of methods of administering the power plants, and on further action by the congress. Recent power bills endorsed by the grange were defeated by the voters at the polls.

In so far as Bonneville is concerned the grange committee favors considering it as a separate unit for fixing of power costs, rather than tied in with other plants.

The executive committee of the grange in a meeting in Albany the first of the week decided to favor modification of the present law giving a "closed shop" or monopoly to truckers. The grange would abolish the requirement of a certificate of convenience and necessity before a person may engage in trucking for hire.

The grange has previously expressed its approval of bills to abolish the \$1.00 operator's license renewal fee, repeal of the 50c charge on gas refunds, and extension of time for applying for refunds from six to twelve months.

Lieutenant Governor Is Favored in House With 32-27 Resolution Vote

Reconsideration Possible; Debate Shut Off After Only Two Speak; Ballot Goes on Partisan Lines, Only Three Republicans Favor

WITH debate shut off after only two members of the house had spoken on the measure, the house yesterday afternoon, by a vote of 32 to 27, gave approval to a constitutional amendment creating the position of lieutenant governor. Debate was shut off after Representative Walter Fuhrer's motion for the previous question was sustained by a vote of 33 to 26.

Snow Cheats 235 Men Out of Jobs

Dropped From Silver Falls Project; Relief Heads Claim Helplessness

This month's snowstorms are to blame for approximately 235 Salem men being unemployed and nothing can be done about it, conferences with county, relief committee, WPA and national park service during the last two days indicated. Of the 235, 200 last received work January 5 on the park service project in the Silver Falls district and the other 35 have had little if any more work on a federal project in the Elkhorn district.

Park Service Says It Can't Help

Speaking for W. A. Dankle, director of the Silver Falls project, C. H. Page told a committee from the county, relief and WPA offices that his work was so hampered that it was impossible to advance money to the men for work not accomplished. After Director J. E. Smith for the WPA, Chairman E. L. Wiedner for the relief committee and the county court had all informed a delegation representing the 235 men that their hands were tied, they sent a committee to ascertain if the park service could be prevailed upon to continue to assume responsibility for the men receiving pay checks.

The only concession made was that it might be possible to give up to 75 men two or three weeks work in the near future. Yesterday's heavy snowfall, however, made that prospect dim.

Meanwhile the 235 men, who were transferred to the park projects from the WPA rolls and (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Pump Applied to Postoffice Site

Pumps were applied to the excavation for the new Salem postoffice building basement to make it look less like the old, muddy swimming hole, and workmen proceeded to stake out the locations of footings. Working in mud more than ankle deep at times, they found progress slow.

While the excavation has been going on, the Hoffman Construction company has had form carpenters busy making up pier and other form materials in preparation for concrete work that will be started in the near future.

Herling Death Case Not Yet Closed, Officials Here Say

Both of the .33 calibre revolver bullet wounds found in the body of Ben F. Herling, 33-year-old sheep rancher, on his father's farm near Turner Tuesday could not have resulted other than fatally but one might not have caused instant death.

This was virtually the only significant information investigators gleaned last night from an autopsy performed at the Clough-Barrick mortuary in an attempt to determine more definitely the manner in which Herling met his death.

Apparently Suicide But Unusual Case

Further investigation, including the questioning of "a few persons," will be made today, before Herling's death is officially pronounced as due to suicide or some form of homicide, District Attorney Lyle J. Page said yesterday afternoon. He did not attend the post mortem examination.

"It is apparently a case of suicide although the two shots are very unusual considering their location and the size of the gun," Page stated. "There will be no inquest unless it develops that a public record should be made of the case. Both the state police and the district attorney's office, of course, are making their own records."

The two autopsy surgeons found that one bullet, the first one fired if Herling shot himself, entered the body about three inches below the heart and, ranging downward at a 15-degree angle, passed between the eighth and ninth ribs, pierced the spleen and emerged through the back after nicking the 11th back rib, according to State Police Captain Walter Lansing, who assisted Page in the role of technician. The other, designated as number two bullet in the investigation, touched the sixth frontal rib, punctured the heart cavity and ranged upward at a 15-degree angle to pierce through the ninth back rib.

"Either Bullet would have killed," the captain said, "number one probably not instantly."

Efforts of Joe S. Murry, identified on page 2, column 5

Hook and Line Bill Argued at Public Hearing

Salmon Depleted, Claim of Game Fishermen, Closure Sought

Protection of Spawning Grounds Asked; Other Side Also Heard

Contention of the Oregon Wild Life association, voiced through its secretary, Walter Kimmel of Glendale, that salmon are rapidly being depleted in Oregon, and denial of this claim by Andrew J. Naterlin of Newport, featured the hearing, attended by 300 persons, before the joint fisheries committees of the legislature Wednesday afternoon.

Up for consideration of the committees was Senator Clark's bill which would close all streams excepting the Columbia to fishing except with hook and line.

Kimmel stressed the coastal streams which he said were the natural spawning grounds for salmon.

"If you destroy these spawning grounds you will wreck the entire commercial fishing industry in the state of Oregon," Kimmel said. "You should keep the commercial fishermen in the open waters where their operations can be regulated."

Fishing on the Siletz river was discussed by F. W. Gertula, commercial fisherman. Gertula declared that because of the diminishing fish supply cannery operations on the Siletz river were not profitable.

Harris Ellsworth, Roseburg newspaperman, presented figures (Turn to page 2, column 5)

Fresh Snowfalls Hinder Road Work

Extra Plow Arranged For Gates Section; Deep Drifts Are Noted

Fresh, heavy falls of snow complicated the county road department's efforts to open and keep in service mountain roads in the eastern end of the county yesterday but arrangements were made to renew the attack on drifts and free snowbound farmers, County Engineer N. C. Hubbs indicated last night.

Although bus service to Detroit was reported on schedule, Hubbs said he had been informed Road Foreman J. R. Bewley was having trouble with the Gates-Niagara section of the North Santiam highway. Extra road-clearing equipment will be sent there this morning.

Drifts 4 to 7 Feet Deep

Drifts four to seven feet deep were found by Hubbs during a survey trip to the ridge road north and west of Silver Falls state park from the veterans camp along the south side of Silver creek. Hubbs said the Silver Falls road, however, was being kept open by federal crews and he was able to get within one-half mile of the veterans camp site. He dispatched a large caterpillar road clearing machine to the ridge route yesterday afternoon. The rural mail carrier serving the seven or eight hamlets there was forced to pack the mail in on foot.

County equipment was still working away but not with marked success to clear the Crooked Finger road, the engineer said.

Center of Oregon In Grip of Storm

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 27-(AP)—Snow mingled with rains in Oregon tonight as milder temperatures brought the heaviest snowfall of the season to central, eastern and southern portions of the state.

The cheers were from stockmen and wheat ranchers, and from health workers who saw a widespread influenza epidemic slowly wane and schools reopen.

The groans came from motorists and highway workers as drifts blocked roads east of the Cascades.

Snow also came to western Oregon but soon turned to slush. Road crews apparently were winning their battles in the north-east portion around Pendleton. The Oregon-Washington highway to Walla Walla was reopened and two-way traffic was expected to be resumed soon on the Old Oregon Trail over the Blue Mountains and the Pendleton-John Day artery.

Father and Son Arrested On Battery Charge Here

Charles Kirchen and his 15-year-old son, Raymond, were arrested by deputy sheriffs at the Kirchen place eight miles south on Riverside drive early last night on a justice court warrant charging them with assault and battery. The father was lodged in the county jail and the youth taken to the county detention room at a local hospital.

Late Sports

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Jan. 27-(AP)—Ellsworth Vine defeated Fred Perry, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4, here tonight in the 12th match of their cross country series. The match gave Vine a two-up over the Briton in the series.

SEATTLE, Jan. 27-(AP)—Vancouver's Lions, overcoming a one-goal lead, scored a 3 to 1 victory over the Seattle Seahawks here tonight and blasted their hopes of jumping from the Pacific Coast Hockey league cellar.

New YORK, Jan. 27-(AP)—Ken Overlin, fighting sailor boy from Richmond, Va., pulled an upset tonight by winning a 10-round decision over Fred Apostoli, San Francisco middleweight. The decision drew boos from the house.

Final Hurdles Loom Ahead in Marine Strike

Dividing Line of Sailor and Longshore Work One of Problems

Checkers Lack Accord on Wages; Government Delay Advised

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27-(AP)—Negotiators advanced smoothly today toward the last two major hurdles on the maritime peace path while employers began preparing for a return to work, and civic authorities stood by, apparently ready to demand government action in the event of a setback.

Coastwise ship operators left one of the problems—that of drawing a dividing line between the work of longshoremen and sailors—to a committee which immediately sought a meeting with the dockmen.

The other major issue, wages and hours for clerks and checkers, appeared headed for quick settlement when worker spokesmen announced they had a new offer to make and were seeking an immediate conference with employers. The clerks and checkers are affiliated with the longshoremen.

Government Advised Wait Until Friday

Federal Conciliators E. P. Marsh and E. H. Fitzgerald recommended to the labor department (Turn to page 2, column 5)

Bank Nights Being Discontinued Here

Policy on Pinball Awaits Decision as to Appeal of Recent Ruling

While a decision loomed today as to whether or not immediate action would be taken to halt operation of pinball games in Marion county, the status of the bank night which has been conducted at two local theatres appeared to have undergone a change.

Manager Carl Porter of Warner Bros. theatres here announced that the bank night was being temporarily discontinued "until a court decision is handed down." At the two theatres under his charge the audiences were informed that bank night was being stopped since time for trial of the case in court was near.

"You'll have to ask Mr. Moody," Porter replied when asked if discontinuance of bank night had followed a discussion of the matter with Ralph E. (Turn to page 2, Col. 3)

Perreaout Faces Burglary Charges

Leo Perreaout, 265 South Commercial, was arrested by city police last night on charges of car theft and burglary.

Perreaout admitted theft of a car belonging to Edward Strode, Marion hotel, and was also charged with stealing a radio from Charles Thompson, whose address is also 265 South Commercial.

Evacuation of All Endangered Along Mississippi Is Arranged By Army; Ohio Flood Receding

Union Leaders Badly Injured

Auto Strike Organizers in Flint Blame "Company Thugs" for Crash

FLINT, MICH., Jan. 27-(AP)—Four organizers for the United Automobile Workers of America, who had escaped crowds in two nearby cities, were injured here today when, they said, their taxicab was forced off a street and struck a pole.

Three of the four were taken to Hurley hospital, where their conditions were described as serious. The fourth man did not require hospital treatment.

The injured men contradicted the assertion of Arthur Place, driver of their taxicab, that four shots were fired at the vehicle, but all five agreed that an automobile parked on the opposite side of the street drove across the thoroughfare and in their path.

Joseph Ditzel, of Toledo, Ohio, who was not seriously injured, said "General Motors thugs were responsible for this."

The union for which the men are organizers is the one that has called strikes which have nearly paralyzed operations of the General Motors corporation.

The seriously injured men are: Anthony Federoff, Pittsburgh; W. J. Hynes, Pittsburgh; and Frank O'Rourke, Saginaw, Mich.

Louisville Hardest Hit in Fatality List With Over 200 Dead; Craig Directs Troops' Rescue Plan

100 Coast Guard Craft Wait, Ready to Move Refugees; Train Loads of Relief Supplies Sent

(By The Associated Press)

THE dead in the mightiest flood ever to strike this nation reached into the tragic hundreds today and the army, bolstering the levee defenses of the Mississippi, prepared—should the worst come—to evacuate the endangered along its course.

In the Ohio valley, where so many had died—particularly at sadly-hit Louisville, which could only guess at the number of its fatalities—the worst appeared over at most points. Louisville, Cincinnati and scores of other smaller cities, however, still faced cold, water shortage and disease. Influenza of epidemic proportions was reported at Paducah, Ky.

The homeless in 11 states were estimated by the Red Cross at nearly 1,000,000; the property damage conservatively was estimated at above \$400,000,000.

At Louisville alone official statements combined with authoritative estimates put the dead from the flood directly or from its effects at from 200 to 400.

Fearful of what might happen along the lower Mississippi as the Ohio's crest rolled southward Major General Malin Craig, the army's chief of staff, had mapped out and ready a military organization capable, if need arose, of evacuating half a million people from Cairo, Ill., to the Gulf of Mexico.

Cairo to Memphis Chief Danger Area

The danger area, however, was declared by army officers to be particularly in the river stretch between Cairo and Memphis, Tenn., where live about 30,000 river people.

The war department made it plain there was no occasion for panic; General Craig said, nevertheless, that it looked like a "very difficult fight" to hold the main line levees below Cairo, especially in the Memphis district.

Thus, he ordered an evacuation setup to stand by, and quickly the corps area commanders took their places.

From the two greatest cities of the lower river—New Orleans and Memphis—came reports that both were in no prospective danger.

A greater concentration of boats upon the lower Mississippi included an additional 100 coast guard craft, said by an admiral to be capable of transporting 5,000 persons at one time. This fleet was ordered to proceed up the Mississippi.

Duty Not to Raise Prices, Declared

Atlanta reported railroad cars had been loaded with 31,000 bedsacks, 30,000 coats, 10,000 blankets. An army officer declared it a "patriotic duty" not to raise food prices if a crisis occurred.

Supplementing other statements that New Orleans appeared in no prospective danger, Col. Harry Jacobs of the Louisiana state board of engineers said he had been told by Major General E. M. Markham, chief of U. S. engineers, it was "absolutely ridiculous to think there was any flood danger in the Mississippi river valley south of Arkansas City, Ark."

While the Ohio valley situation was clearing, there still was alarm for persons in isolated settlements.

Above Cairo, Ill., the Ohio smashed a setback levee and covered Mound City, Ill., with five feet of water within half an hour.

(By The Associated Press)

Flood Facts: Homeless—Estimated at almost 1,000,000 by the Red Cross. Dead—Known dead numbered 262—including 133 known dead in Louisville. However, it was reliably estimated more than 300 had died from exposure and disease in Louisville hospitals. This would boost the general flood total to more than 425. Known dead by states included: Kentucky 170, Arkansas 23, Missouri 14, Ohio 14, West Virginia 13. (Turn to page 2, column 5)

Refugees Leaving Louisville, Train

800 Depart; 25,000 Move Across Pontoon Bridge to Highland Safety

LOUISVILLE, KY., Jan. 27-(AP)—The first trainload of refugees from flood-stricken Louisville left late today for Shelbyville, Ky., on the Louisville and Nashville railroad. Eight hundred were aboard the first train to move from the city since the flood wiped out rail communications Monday.

Another group of 800 was scheduled to leave for Shelbyville by the same route early tomorrow. Evacuations were in high gear tonight. By truck 8,000 negroes were shipped to Shelbyville. Airlines, now moving easily in and out of Bowman field, carried 150 passengers from the city, booked for Nashville, Indianapolis, Columbus, Cleveland, Washington and New York. Their departure all but coincided with the arrival, also by air, of several hundred policemen from as far west as Phoenix, Ariz., and as far east as Boston.

One plane arrived with a ton of bread.

Officials estimated that 25,000 crossed the whiskey barrel pontoon bridge today from the flooded central sections of the city to the safety and relief camps in the (Turn to page 2, Col. 3)

Architect Notes Capitol Progress

Satisfactory progress is being made in the construction of the new state capitol despite the bad weather conditions that have prevailed this month. Walter Church, member of Whitehouse & Church, Oregon associate architects, said yesterday while here on business in connection with the project.

When the weather became too cold for safe pouring of concrete the Hammond construction company turned to further excavating work and now is doing concrete work at good speed.

Hunting License Needed Even to Kill Jackrabbit

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 27-(AP)—The jackrabbit took on a new importance today with an order by state police that "just because rabbits are small, that doesn't mean hunting licenses to hunt them are not needed." Guns of seven sportsmen were confiscated.

COAST GUARD AIDS IN FLOOD BATTLE



With their surf-boat packed on a flat car behind them, these members of the U. S. Coast Guard are shown at Jersey City, N. J., as they give the Atlantic coast a farewell look before invading a new scene—the fresh water sea where the swollen Ohio river has taken possession of thousands of homes.

BALLADE of TODAY
By R. C.

In Oregon it's cold and wet; we snuffle, waddle through the mud; but then we "ain't seen nothin' yet" compared to Mississippi flood.

The legislators, slow to start have now achieved a faster pace and oratory, glib and smart, is booming new throughout the place.