

Going on a vacation? The Statesman will be sent anywhere in the United States or Canada to vacationers...

The Weather - Partly cloudy today and Friday; fogs on coast with lower temperatures...

McMahan Demands Page's Salary Records

Highway Town Is Half Razed By big Blaze

Tangent Loss Estimated Near \$70,000; Many Buildings Suffer

Heat Wave's Return to Northwest Increases Peril to Forests

ALBANY, Aug. 2 - A fire that started in the second floor of the Jenks merchandise store wiped out about half of the Pacific highway town of Tangent...

Besides the store building, four residences to the east of the store and the Christensen machine shop and the Odd Fellows hall to the west of the store were destroyed.

The blaze jumped the street and burned the belfry of the First Methodist church but a bucket brigade managed to save the church building itself...

A crowd of 1000 persons, including the 300 residents, watched the conflagration and power service was cut off to avoid injury from falling wires.

Two men were overcome, neither seriously affected, by fighting the blaze in a 100 degree temperature. Albany, Corvallis, Halsey and Brownsville fire departments which answered the call were hampered by a high north wind which fanned the flames.

The Southern Pacific also sent a switch engine and fire equipment from Albany which was credited with saving the railway depot and the municipal water tank.

The machine shop with its merchandise of oil and other goods proved the most stubborn fire to fight. Homes destroyed included the new residence of Prof. Paul Cawfield, the Don Ross home and two residences, one occupied by the Jenks family.

(By the Associated Press) The return of the Oregon heat wave, coupled with low humidity and a dangerous northwest wind, created acute forest fire hazards and a number of fires were uncontrolled.

Four hundred volunteer and CCC men fought the flames near Vernonia in the Coastal range which were threatening green timber and a logging railroad.

The weather bureau forecast continued hot weather and low humidity for Thursday with thunderstorms in some areas.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Aug. 2 - (AP) - New fires cropped up today to plague more than 500 fire fighters who already had their hands full with a dozen widely scattered conflagrations.

One pushed on unchecked after burning between 1000 and 1800 acres on the slopes of Bola Boca mountain in the Shasta national forest.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 - (AP) - Elimination of \$50,000,000 from the final house deficiency bill today dropped Portland's proposed \$3,500,000 postoffice and 23 small Oregon postoffs.



Both expanse and attractiveness of new state fair buildings being completed this summer are illustrated above. New restaurant-auditorium building, upper right, with J. D. Mickle, director of agriculture, and Leo Spitzbart, fair manager. Upper and lower right photos indicate immensity of new livestock pavilion, which is 722 feet long and 240 feet wide and will house 5000 animals.

Husband Blasts Wife and Self

Oregon City Scene of Dynamite Deaths; Girl Is Hurt

OREGON CITY, Ore., Aug. 2 - (AP) - An estranged husband and wife were killed in a blast set off by the husband here today, the aftermath of a marital rift, and the mother's 15-year-old daughter was probably fatally injured.

Lee Phillippy, 40, Lone Elder, Ore., farmer, set off the charge when he called at the trailer home his wife and foster daughter, Ruth Connelly, daughter of Mrs. Phillippy by a former marriage, had rented after the estrangement three weeks ago.

Stenson said that Mrs. Phillippy and her daughter arrived in Oregon City July 17 and rented an abandoned trailer house in the yard of George S. Phillips, Oregon City auto mechanic. They moved in July 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ellison, neighbors, said they noticed Phillippy driving around the neighborhood several times today, saw him park in front of the trailer house about 6:20 o'clock and leave the car, carrying a small box. He rapped on the door. The girl answered and a moment later screamed for help. Her shout was lost in the explosion.

In Danvers, tonight that Phillippy had purchased 15 sticks of 20 per cent stump powder and two electric caps at a local store today.

The court is required by law to elect as Steelhammer's successor a citizen of his political affiliation, republican in his case.

Steelhammer resigned because he was accepting an assignment by the court to handle impending tax foreclosure cases.

Founder of Rosicrucian Order in US Is Dead

SAN JOSE, Calif., Aug. 2 - (AP) - Dr. H. Spencer Lewis, 55, imperator of the Rosicrucian order for North and South America, died today after a lengthy illness.

Dr. Lewis, a native of Frenchtown, N. J., established the Rosicrucian order in the United States in 1909.

Rival Camps on Continent Tell World They're Ready

(By the Associated Press) Germany and Britain, from Europe's rival camps, told the world anew yesterday they now were ready for any test the future might bring.

And both proceeded to back up their words with demonstrations of strength - Britain, politically and Germany, militarily.

Prime Minister Chamberlain, who proclaimed Britain's preparedness, overrode a minor revolt within his own party, won a 250 to 132 vote of confidence and pushed through his motion to adjourn parliament for two months beginning Friday.

The Germans, celebrating for the first time in the World War 25 years ago, heard their leaders declare present day Germany prepared and unbeatable.

\$32,000 Building Plan Is Made Into Reality

Addition to Mammoth Stock Barn, new Restaurant, Are Highlights; Others Are Improved; to Be Completed by Labor Day

Hammers, saws and paint brushes are being wielded by 128 men at the state fairgrounds in construction of nearly \$32,000 worth of physical improvements to be completed before the state fair opens Labor day.

Face lifting has been carried on in some of the big buildings, while others notably the old fire station and barns, have been lifted right off the face of the earth and new structures are under way.

The improvements, all a WPA project with the state fair furnishing slightly more than half the money, are well ahead of scheduled building time, says Earl Coons, construction superintendent.

The new construction includes a 262-foot addition to the mammoth stock barn, now making a 722 by 540-foot structure, all under one roof, which will house 5000 head of cattle, sheep and goats; an annex to the lean-to of the horse show stadium, the new structure to house 40 head of draft horses; a 48 by 60-foot restaurant, with stage, dining room which is to be converted into a small auditorium, and kitchen; a fire station 20 by 32 feet with two stories that include upstairs kitchen and bedroom; and a goat house.

One school of thought, as typified by Senator King (D-Utah) was that the measure would tend to obstruct any third term drive by making it impossible for federal officials to be delegates to party conventions.

Another, as represented by Senator Murray (D-Mont.), contended that the measure would have no bearing on a third term. Murray argued that such a movement depended little on the activity of federal office-holders.

In Danvers, last District Leader Albert Forster made a fiery speech in which he promised destruction of the "last 10 per cent of the Treaty of Versailles."

Free City Nazis took hope from his words that they might soon realize their dream of "returning home to the Reich." Forster told them they were "protected against any surprises" and that "nothing further need be said."

Chamberlain's victory came after liberals and laborites supported by a group of "anti-imperialist" conservatives, attempted to have the house of commons reassemble August 21 for a one-day session.

The opposition expressed fears (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Aug. 2 - (AP) - With Dick Newsome registering his first victory in a Padres uniform, San Diego contended to a 7 to 2 triumph over the pace-setting Seattle Rainiers in a game here tonight.

Aided by four double plays by the San Diego infield, Newsome had a shut-out until the ninth, when two singles and two base error by Johnny Williams, Padre fly-chaser, netted the invaders two tallies.

Seattle..... 2 8 3  
San Diego..... 7 9 1

San Francisco..... 5 9 0  
Oakland..... 3 4 2  
Stuts and Sprinz, Buxton, Darrow (9) and Raimondi.

Los Angeles..... 1 3 1  
Sacramento..... 6 12 0  
Frim, Kuah (7) and Collins, Sweeney (7), Seate and Grill.

House Economists Hit Appropriation

Administration to Bring Housing Measure up Today Anyway

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 - (AP) - The administration took another beating from the house economy bloc today, but nevertheless decided upon a "suicide plan" for bringing the much-opposed \$800,000,000 housing bill to a vote tomorrow.

The measure would double the leading authority of the housing administration. It is a companion measure to the leading bill which was killed in the house yesterday.

But the administration men indicated they wanted a vote to pin the responsibility for the bill's defeat on the rebellious coalition of republicans and democrats, particularly the latter.

Today the relentless economy bloc carried the congressional revolt to a new victory by rejecting a \$119,000,000 appropriation for loans to sustain the prices of farm commodities.

Then it passed a \$54,191,000 deficiency appropriation bill, minus the loan fund, and sent it to the senate. It did so in the face of a warning by Secretary Wallace that unless the money were made available corn prices would go to 1932 levels, wheat quotations would fall sharply and the prices of cotton, dairy products, wool and rye would be "seriously" affected.

Work Begun Upon High Street Span

Six weeks of bridge construction began on South High Street Tuesday when the county bridge crew began work with its pile driver and other equipment at the foot of Fry hill.

The city will pay \$3500, to be augmented by a WPA grant, for the installation of a wooden bridge similar to its predecessor in being 155 feet long, but 30 feet wide instead of 20, at the span which is being replaced.

Construction of a concrete bridge was considered impossible under the present budget of \$10,000 for bridge maintenance and building, according to J. H. Davis, city engineer.

Hoover to Fish With Dr. Wilbur

VANCOUVER, Aug. 2 - (CP) - Herbert Hoover, former president of the United States and Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, secretary of the interior, will arrive here tomorrow for a short visit before continuing on a holiday trip through the Rockies to Jasper, BC. They will meet Mr. Hoover later.

Exact date of the fishing trip has not been announced.

Martial Rule For Colorado Strike Edict

Governor Acts Against Shootings; One Is Critically Hurt

GREEN MOUNTAIN DAM, Colo., Aug. 2 - (AP) - Gov. Ralph L. Carr proclaimed martial law tonight in the Green Mountain dam strike zone immediately after a second shooting clash between union sympathizers and strike foes in which three were reported wounded.

Three others were shot, one critically, and another man was out during a battle near the \$4,000,000 federal reclamation bureau project at 5 p.m.

Governor Carr announced his martial law proclamation at Glenwood Springs, as soon as he received word of the second shooting clash two miles south of Kremmling.

Fifteen carloads of strike supporters from Denver drove through Kremmling, seat of the armed and deputized strike opposition force. Firing flared when the Denver cars reached a barricade thrown up by the deputized "back to work" force which seized the project last night after breaking through two American Federation of Labor picket lines.

Thomas Kellerhals, about 35, of Denver a union sympathizer, was shot through the left eye in the first shooting battle. The bullet lodged in his skull.

Union pickets drove Kellerhals to hospital at Fairplay with Art Morrow, about 40, who was shot through the arm and grazed on the chest by another bullet.

The attending doctor said Kellerhals might not recover.

The Summit county sheriff's office reported another wounded man was brought to Breckenridge. A fourth was grazed on the right hip.

A bridge on state highway No. 9 was dynamited about two miles south of the project, \$4,000,000 unit in the \$44,000,000 Colorado-Big Thompson federal reclamation bureau development in northwest.

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Mercury Mounts To 102 Degrees

Temperate Early Morning Rapidly Turns Into 2nd Hottest Day

The fastest temperature rise of the year was recorded here yesterday. What was apparently to be just another hot day turned into a 102 degree maximum at 4 p.m. after a phenomenal rise since noon. The heat was eclipsed only by the 103 just a week earlier.

From 52 degrees minimum, the reading shot up 50 points. At 9:30 a. m. it was only 76 compared to 82 last Wednesday. At noon the reading was 90 as against 84. From then on, the rise was rapid, showing a 97 two hours later at 2:30 p. m.

After the peak was passed the drop was as rapid as the ascent. Between 8:30 and 7:30 p. m. the reading fell a full 10 points, or from 97 to 87 degrees. By mid-evening the reading was only 73.

PORTLAND, Aug. 2 - (AP) - Oregon's heat wave took a certain call today after moderate temperatures during the first two days of the week. Readings of 100 were common again.

Portland was blistered by an even 100 maximum but it was hotter in southern Oregon when Medford and Roseburg both reported 104.

Eastern Oregon and the Willamette valley got off with high 90s readings. Pendleton reported 97, Baker 94, Bend 93, Burns 97, Eugene 98. The coast remained comfortable with North Bend and Newport reporting 78, North Bend 71 and Brookings 62.

Elected City's Water Manager

Carl E. Guenther, whom the Salem water commission Monday



Carl E. Guenther, whom the Salem water commission Monday elected to the position of manager of the city's water system from his former post as maintenance superintendent. - Kennell-Ellis photo.

Accused Official Defends Payments

Page Cites Rulings, Court Decision as Refuting McMahan Charges

District Attorney Lyle J. Page replied to charges made against him to the grand jury by Circuit Judge L. H. McMahan yesterday afternoon that he intended to conduct the duties of his office "as I think best for the taxpayers of Marion county and I intend to do that regardless of what Judge McMahan may think or have to say about it."

Page denied that he had ever "received any money from Marion county that was not ruled lawful by state legal authorities."

Admitting he received \$175 a month salary as deputy district attorney under District Attorney John H. Carson and others, Page said that records were on file at the courthouse showing the payments ordered by the county court, \$100 a month from the general fund and \$75 from the prohibition enforcement fund.

Both the liquor fund portion of his salary and county payments for the district attorneys stenographer also attacked by Judge McMahan, were held legal in a decree, given by Circuit Judge Arlie G. Walker of Polk county on a declaratory judgment action brought by Carson as district attorney in 1932. Page pointed out.

"Judge Walker, sitting in the Marion circuit court, ruled that the very same thing that Judge McMahan declares now to be unlawful was lawful and the county court has followed the ruling of Judge Walker in that regard," Page declared.

A copy of the order was served on Page as well as Boyer.

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Neither may the county pay the district attorney's office a d.d.e.d. compensation for duties prescribed by statute, he averred, citing prohibition laws in particular.

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Grand Jury Is Told to Probe \$6000 Payment

County Clerk Ordered to Bring Records Into Court on Friday

Weatherford Talked as Choice to Conduct Courthouse Probe

Circuit Judge L. H. McMahan struck out at District Attorney Lyle J. Page before the Marion county grand jury yesterday afternoon, then signed an order directing County Clerk U. G. Boyer to appear before him Friday afternoon "with the official records of his office to show the amounts of money received by the said Lyle J. Page upon orders of the county court in excess of his salary both as district attorney and as deputy district attorney."

The grand jury was then adjourned with no date set for reconvening but it was believed the investigation body would be called in at 2 p.m. Friday when Clerk Boyer is to present his records.

The jury received a new set of special instructions from Judge McMahan yesterday that accused Page of collecting in excess of \$6000 of his lawful compensation during his term as district attorney and his extended prior service as deputy.

Scene Set for New Prosecutor

The move was considered in courthouse circles as an effort to lay legal groundwork for the disqualification of Page as prosecutor of the investigation of the county court, for which Judge McMahan has called for the appointment of a special attorney. Judge McMahan reserved comment on reports he would name Mark V. Weatherford, prominent Albany attorney, as the special prosecutor.

Yesterday's order recited that the court had instructed the grand jury to investigate the official conduct of county officers and particularly of the county court "to determine whether the county court was guilty of corruption, malfeasance, incompetency or delinquency in office."

\$900 Stenographic Pay Issue Falsely

The order also noted the jury had been instructed to ascertain whether or not Page was receiving \$900 a year, referred to in the instructions as stenographic hire, and more than \$4000 above his fixed salary as deputy, "by the sufficiency of the county court," and whether or not he had "failed to enforce the law and to collect for the county money illegally paid by the county court."

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County Tax Take Is Over Million

The county tax department collected \$1,259,976.22 in taxes during the first six months of 1939, Sheriff A. C. Burk reported to the county clerk yesterday. The department had a balance of \$26,425.73 in undistributed taxes on hand at the start of the year but only \$13,645.41 on June 30.

Tax receipts by years were: Current year, \$1,097,794.99; 1938, \$87,936.08; 1937, \$26,129.07; 1936, \$14,061.16; 1935, \$11,758.49; 1934-36, \$6861.85; 1932, \$5191.88; 1931, \$3385.94; 1930, \$1302.54; 1929, \$266.09; 1928, \$57.49; 1927, \$7.96; 1926, \$10.21; yield tax, \$212.00.

Prunemen Assert They'll not Pick At Lower Prices

MILTON-FREEWATER, Ore., Aug. 2 - (AP) - Prune growers of this section voted last night to demand \$25 per ton for their crop. Shippers offered \$17 and \$18. The growers said they would not harvest at those prices.

A resolution charged that shippers violated an agreement to confer with the Blue Mountain Prune Growers cooperative before announcing a price schedule.