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Weather
Cloudy with rain today and Sunday; snow over mountains. Max. temp. Friday 53, min. 46. River 13.6 ft. South wind.

EIGHTY-NINTH YEAR

In One Ear..

—Paul Hauser's Column

When Homer P. Whittle was six months old he smashed the living daylight out of his crib. It was the beginning of one of the most destructive careers in the records. At the age of 18 months Homer, or Angel, as his mother called him, had broken one complete set of Paul H. Hauser, Jr. Spode dishes, glasses too many to count, jumped on his Uncle Mortimer's bifocals, and hammered the stuffing out of all his sister's dolls.

It was a wonder he lived to the ripe old age of six after breaking nearly every window in the neighborhood. At that period his dotting father gave him a set of tools and he immediately put them to work in reverse. Destruction, not construction, was his line. Before some far-seeing citizen finally stole the tools the neighborhood was a shambles and insurance rates had gone up 15 per cent.

He survived a riotous childhood and adolescence during which his parents were forced to move from neighborhood to neighborhood by the hie and cry of an outraged citizenry. When the Whittles moved into a neighborhood property values moved out. There wasn't anything you 'n Homer couldn't wreck if he put his mind to it. And he had a very active mind.

When the high school burned down, from a cause that was mysterious to everyone but Homer, six months before his graduation he was sent off to college, by a family that, on the whole, was glad to see the least of him.

During four years in college Homer smashed up five automobiles, the college laboratory, a fraternity, three sororities and 15 beer parlors. He was graduated cum laude and went on for new fields to conquer. He found a nice, quiet graduate school and became a doctor of philosophy, but not before he was nearly expelled for driving his car through the library.

After he got his Ph.D. little was heard of Homer for some years. He was back in the papers only the other day.

A learned society gave him a great prize for a contribution to science. He smashed an atom.

And now comes de-luxe service in the telephone office with reports given on weather, roads, time and what have you. So there now, before planning a trip the weather can practically be placed in a bag with the lunch goods. Okeh, if you care for soup.

There's nothing like truth in advertising. A certain local men's clothing store advertised the other day as follows: 75 pair of coats, \$2.00 pair—These won't last long!

Consider the case of Mr. Lawrence. Mr. Lawrence decided to end his days and got a lawyer for the purpose. To nerve himself he also got a bottle. When the bottle was unloaded he loaded the gun and emptied it. He fired six shots into what he thought was his head. When they found him his head was all right... but the tip of his nose was gone.

Toledo IEU Hits At NLRB's Order

TOLEDO, Ore., Feb. 9.—(P)—The Industrial Employees' union protested its disestablishment at the C. E. Johnson Lumber company in a telegram today to the house committee investigating national labor relations board activities. The local IEU, one of three affected in the northwest, claimed a "huge majority" at the Johnson plant.

The protest, approved by the 400 IEU men attending a meeting last night, said: "Compliance with the board's order will deprive us of free choice of union as guaranteed under the Wagner act. We urge you to take immediate steps to investigate this matter so the board's attempt to coerce us will not prevail."

Crittenden Files, Commissioner Job

C. M. Crittenden filed for the republican nomination for Marion county commissioner yesterday afternoon with the promise to "lead to the business of Marion county fairly, squarely and with dispatch to the best of my ability." He is the second candidate to enter the race for the position now held by Commissioner Roy S. Nelson.

Crittenden, a Hubbard resident and former school teacher, is now engaged in real estate operations and farming.

Tweedsmuir Better

MONTREAL, Feb. 9.—(P)—A "slight but definite" improvement was reported tonight in the condition of Lord Tweedsmuir, governor-general of Canada, following the second operation of the day for the relief of a grave brain concussion.

Two Nazi Subs Claimed Sunk; Attack Convoy

One Destroyer to It; Russians to Crack Line Is Sent to Study Peace Prospect

(By The Associated Press) The destruction of two German submarines by one British destroyer as the Nazi craft attacked a convoy was announced Friday night by Britain's admiralty shortly after the Nazi air arm had hurled its fourth blow in 12 days at British shipping lanes. A terse admiralty communique gave no details of the twin triumph. In fact, it said the unusual factor of one destroyer sinking two submarines was the only reason any announcement was made. The admiralty usually does not disclose the sinking of an enemy submarine but unofficial estimates say at least 40 U-boats have been sunk since the war began.

Even as the two wars in Europe suddenly became accelerated on land and sea, the United States took long steps looking toward peace abroad.

Welles Goes Abroad To "Study Conditions" Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles had been directed to go to Italy, France, Germany and Great Britain for information "as to present conditions." Welles will sail February 17.

At the state department, Secretary Hull said informal conversations had begun with neutrals relating to a "sound international economic system" and to "world-wide reduction of armaments." He excluded "matters involving present war conditions."

London circles greeted Mr. Roosevelt's announcement with "satisfaction" and said Welles would be given all available information of British called the step "very interesting."

DNB, the official German news agency, said Nazi planes sank or destroyed eight British or British-convoyed ships, boosting to 40 the total ships the Germans reported sunk or destroyed in the four raids.

The British took issue with the Germans and there was no confirmation of the DNB report. Britain said her planes shot down a big Heinkel bomber which swooped down too close to the Firth of Clyde, damaged two more bombers and chased others out to sea. The Germans admitted the loss of one bomber.

Explosion Victim One casualty of "enemy action" however was the Scottish freighter Chagres, 54,096 tons, of Glasgow. An explosion—whether (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Goodman First to File, City Office Seeks to Retain Council Place; Frank Mogan in for Recorder

Frank W. Mogan, who several days ago indicated he was "considering" running for city recorder, yesterday became the first person to file for that office. Mogan's declaration followed shortly on the filing of Roy W. Goodman for reelection as auditor. Goodman was the first filing for a city office.

Mogan, who lives at 2050 Myrtle avenue, said in his statement of principles that he would "conduct the office of city recorder in a clean, honest, efficient and business-like manner and in the best interest of the people of the city of Salem." His slogan is "A fair, square and businesslike administration of an important city office."

Mogan's filing may touch off what promises to be the hottest political campaign in city circles. With A. Warren Jones, present recorder, likely to run for reelection and Hannah Martin, present state representative, among several (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

Turkey's Purge of Germans Said Due to Sabotage Plot

ISTANBUL, Feb. 9.—(P)—Turkey today struck her second blow in as many days against Germans, her allies of the World War, in swift action with authoritative sources said to expose a widespread Nazi plot for sabotage and terrorism in the near east. One hundred German technicians were ousted from their jobs in the war and naval ministries and given 48 hours to quit the country a day after Turkish occupation of the German-owned Krupp shipyards on the Golden Horn.

He's Governor For a Weekend



Fatland Becomes Acting Governor

Oregon acquired a new governor yesterday, Ernest R. Fatland, Condon, speaker of the house of representatives, as Governor Charles A. Sprague crossed into Washington on his way to deliver a Lincoln day address in Seattle tonight.

The pro-tem governor found as his first official duty the signing of a proclamation authorizing sophomore men students at the University of Oregon to abandon their traditional moleskin trousers, class garb, for denim jeans, true western garb.

The reason for the change, it was explained by Alan Stewart, who presented a petition to the acting executive, is that the war in Europe makes it difficult to obtain moleskin trousers.

On his arrival Speaker Fatland announced he would not be a candidate to succeed himself as state representative from Gilliam, Sherman, Morrow and Wheeler counties. He is now serving his third term in that office.

Insurance Office Safe Burglarized

Combination Is Picked by Nocturnal Visitor, \$25.57 Taken

Police were wondering yesterday how a safe robber who took \$25.57 from the safe of the Prudential Life Insurance company Thursday night to leave her skates after going to a West Salem skating rink. She found the door of the office locked, but the safe open and its contents, other than money, strewn about the room.

Paul Craven called Jesse McNeill manager, who in turn called police. Police found the safe combination, which McNeill said was usually difficult to open, had been picked, apparently by an expert. There were no "jimmy" marks on the door from the corridor and dust outside the two office windows, which were not locked, was undisturbed. The windows open on a roof between two sections of the building.

Leg Is Fractured As Pedestrian Hit

Fred Hall, 59, of 254 Front street, suffered fracture of both bones of the left leg last night when struck as he was crossing Capitol street at Tile road, by a car driven by Elmer Raymond Wood of 108 Birch, Dallas.

Hall was taken to the Salem General hospital for treatment. Wood was cited to appear in municipal court.

Non-Resident List High in January

Nonresident motor vehicle registrations in Oregon during January, 1940, totaled 254, an increase of 207 over those for January, 1939, Secretary of State Earl Snell reported Friday. The city of Ashland, which registered 18 per cent of the 149,502 nonresident vehicles in 1939, continued to lead other registration stations with 1059 registrations during January this year.

Soviet Critics Ejected From Youth Session

Attempted Introduction of Resolution Brings Ouster, 2 Members Issue to Be Made; Talk by FR May Result in Hint of Attitude

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—(P)—Two youths attempted to introduce a resolution "condemning rape of Finland by Soviet Russia" were forcibly ejected tonight from the American Youth Congress.

Stephen McArthur, who said he was a young democrat from Kearney, N.J., and a member of a bloc attempting to get the congress to expel alleged "communist front" organizations, was the first ejected.

McArthur interrupted an address by Jack McMichael, ministerial student of Quilman, Ga., and chairman of the congress. He was ruled out of order and was hustled down the aisle as delegates booed and hissed.

The second man removed by congress attendants and labor department guards was Peter M. Tropen, another young democrat of Jersey City, N.J.

Archibald Roosevelt, also Stalks Out The meeting was held in the labor department auditorium and was attended by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, who has defended the organization against charges that it was red-dominated.

As the two youths were put out of the hall, Archibald B. Roosevelt, described as a grandson of Theodore Roosevelt and a member of the anti-communist bloc, arose from a seat near Mrs. Roosevelt and stalked out also.

The congress, under a heavy fire of charges that it is communist-controlled, heard Attorney General Jackson deride those who view it as "a symbol of dark and nightmarish plottings against government."

Jackson suggested, however, that "before you look so wistfully at any other form of government, let's see what we can do with this American government..." Communist Issue Congress leaders hoped to exclude legislative action from the four-day meeting here, but it appeared that the question of communists within the organization might come to a head.

President Roosevelt hinted today that he would express his views tomorrow on the question whether the congress, long defended by Mrs. Roosevelt, should expel "red front" groups from membership.

Weisner, Lebanon, Shot by Neighbor

Bullet Fired From Inside House Accidentally, WPA Man Avers

LEBANON, Ore., Feb. 9.—(P)—Ernest Weisner, 28, Lebanon, was shot in the abdomen late today by a gun which Sheriff Herbert Shelton said was in the hands of a neighbor, Baile Bode, 54, a WPA worker. Bode told Shelton the shot was accidental but Shelton jailed him for questioning by the district attorney. The shot was fired inside Bode's residence and shattered a window. Weisner was at work in his garden at the time. Lebanon hospital attendants described Weisner's condition as fair.

Hill not Decided On Treasury Race

Representative Earl Hill, here yesterday from Lane county said he had not determined definitely whether he would be a candidate for the republican nomination for state treasurer at the primary election. Hill said he was now on a tour of western Oregon conferring with the voters. "I have received much encouragement," Hill said, "but it may be several days before I reach a definite decision."

Hill has served several terms in the state legislature. Walter Pearson, democratic incumbent, announced recently that he would not seek reelection.

State to Rest Case Against Drager After One More Day

1940 Tax Roll Up \$75,229 in Marion County

Total Tax Bill Fixed at \$1,787,658, Assessor Shelton Reports

City, School and State Levies Rise; Funds for Roads Cut

Marion county property owners will have to grimace and bear it when they face the tax collector, this year their bills generally increased over those for 1939 despite a slight gain in the county's assessed valuation.

The total tax roll for 1940 will be \$1,787,658.22, a gain of \$18,398.33, accounted for principally by levy of a state general fund tax—of \$15,799.60—for the first time since 1937. While the increase in the county-state tax bill is 2.7 per cent, the county's assessed valuation has gained by only .6 of 1 per cent.

The assessor's tabulation of the tax roll shows these significant changes this year: Market road tax cut \$10,255.86 and general road fund reduced \$9981.24.

Old age pension tax increased \$19,952.33 and relief and assistance fund raised by \$5,434.26.

Aggregate of local school district taxes increased \$24,537.51. Cities' own taxes raised by \$21,041.75.

High school tuition tax increased \$600.11. The net tax bill will not be turned over to the sheriff's tax department (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Late Sports

SEATTLE, Feb. 9.—(P)—Idaho snapped its 22-game Pacific coast basketball losing streak here tonight by upsetting the favored University of Washington quintet, 47 to 37, with a last half spurt. Idaho had lost nine straight northern division conference games this season on top of 13 losses last year.

PORTLAND, Feb. 9.—(P)—Portland university maintained its speedy basketball pace tonight, routing Mount Angel college, 44 to 23, to even up the four-game series that will decide the Northwest Catholic college championship. Mount Angel won the first game, 31-30. It was Portland's 10th victory in 13 starts.

BERKELEY, Calif., Feb. 9.—(P)—University of California edged out the second-place Stanford Indians, 38 to 36, in a Southern division coast conference basketball game here tonight.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9.—(P)—Southern California's Trojans continued their march to the Pacific coast conference, southern division, basketball championship tonight by walloping the University of California at Los Angeles, 60 to 26.

CALDWELL, Idaho, Feb. 9.—(P)—College of Idaho Coyotes won their first Northwest conference basketball game here tonight, defeating Linfield college of McMinnville, Ore., 41 to 28. Linfield led at halftime, 16 to 15. Williams, Idaho forward, led scorers with 15 points. Monroe was high for Linfield with 9.

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 9.—(P)—Junior Munsell, 187, Oklahoma City, registered a technical knockout over Arne Anderson, 196½, Sweden, tonight, the referee stopping the bout after the second round because the foreigner suffered a badly cut eye.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 9.—(P)—Johnny (Baldi) Romero, San Diego southpaw, knocked out Babe Daniels, Denver negro light-heavyweight, in the second round of a 10-round bout here tonight.

High School Basketball (By Associated Press) The Dallas 40, Hood River 36. Corbett 32, Canby 19. Tillamook 40, Albany 24. Rainier 39, Scappoose 35. Estacada 32, Parkrose 29. Forest Grove 38, Sherwood 18. Corvallis 16, Oregon City 14.

Marion County Petitions Assure McNary Place on Primary Ballot

City, School and State Levies Rise; Funds for Roads Cut



Petitions bearing 2067 names, all from Marion county, provided Senator Charles McNary with twice the support necessary to place his name on Oregon's primary ballot as a candidate for the presidency.

From left, Grant Murphy, Marion county McNary-for-President committee chairman; Glenn Wade, committee executive secretary, handing petitions to Dave O'Hara, in charge of the elections division in the secretary of state's department.—Statesman staff photo.

First McNary Filing Twice Number Needed

But County Committee Will Continue Circulation of Petitions, Total for State May Reach 15,000, Friends of Senator Assert

Presence of Senator Charles L. McNary's name on the republican primary ballot in Oregon for presidential preference was assured on Friday through the filing of petitions containing 2076 names, all of them the signatures of Marion county republicans. Twenty nine different precincts are represented.

Only 1000 names are required but many more petitions from Marion, the senator's home county, and petitions from other counties calculated to swell the total to around 15,000, are to be filed before the closing date for candidates, according to Kern Crandall, state chairman.

Grant Murphy of Stayton, general chairman of the Marion county McNary-for-President committee, and Glenn C. Wade, executive secretary of the committee, filed this first petition at noon on Friday.

Chairman Murphy explained that there has not been a general call for petitions to be turned in and that those circulating them will not be asked to terminate their labors and send in the last completed petitions, for several days yet at least.

Elliott Denies He Voiced Prediction

FORT WORTH, Feb. 9.—(P)—Elliott Roosevelt, son of the president, denied today having said at Chicago that he thought his father should not seek a third term. "I was misquoted," Elliott said, adding: "However, I will say this: 'The only person who can decide such question as a third term is the president himself, and none of the family should try to make up his mind for him.' 'No members of the family have any indication as to how he feels toward the third term question.'"

Elliott Roosevelt addressed an Illinois Lumber and Material Dealers' association meeting in Chicago.

Dalton Heads for Reserve Conclave

Captain Kenneth Dalton, Salem, president of the Oregon department of the Reserve Officers' association, will leave Salem today for Washington to attend a national conference to consider requirements of national defense.

Spears' Story Of Accusation One Highlight

Defendant Said It Must Have Been His Deputy Witness Declares



Special Prosecutor Francis E. Marsh indicated last night that he would rest his case against County Treasurer David G. Drager, charged with larceny of county funds, next Tuesday after testimony of Leroy Howlett, former county commissioner, has been heard by the court. No trial sessions will be held tomorrow or Monday, a legal holiday.

The announcement was made following an afternoon in which Marsh brought to the stand Council C. Ward, former accountant and deputy in the county clerk's office; C. C. Spears, special investigator who assisted in tracking down shortages on the county treasurer's books; Warren Richardson, brother of Drager's former deputy, and his temporary substitute in the treasurer's office during 1932 and 1934; Robert Amos, state auditor who assisted in the 1938 audit of county books; and S. W. Starr, supervisor of the state division of audits in general charge of the researches which revealed the shortages on the treasurer's books.

From each the prosecutor elicited evidence as to the treasurer's reaction when confronted with the shortage as revealed by the state audit in 1938, his explanation of how the shortage occurred, and his denial that he knew of its existence prior to learning of the results of the state investigation. Drager Reactions Recalled by Spears Brought to the stand on the conclusion of cross examination of Floyd Bowers, deputy chief of the audits division who has offered the bulk of the state's testimony since Wednesday, Spears, a former FBI investigator, testified that he had been present in April, 1939, when Marsh, Bowers and others interviewed Drager and his former deputy, W. Y. Richardson, at the state auditor's office in the state house.

The examination at the time, he testified, was in respect to the shortage. "Mr. Marsh wrote down five possible ways in which the shortage could be accounted for," he said. "These were: (1) theft; (2) a bookkeeping shortage; a cash shortage for which (3) Drager or (4) Richardson or (5) both were responsible."

"Drager and Richardson both denied that the money might have been stolen by an outside person, and they also said that a bookkeeping shortage might account for \$1000 or \$2000 of the deficiency but that the major part was an actual cash shortage."

In response to a question by Marsh asking what explanation the treasurer and his deputy gave for the shortage, Spears said, "The final explanation of Drager was to deny that he took the money and to say that Richardson must have taken it. Richardson said that he took none; yet both agreed that no third person took it."

Richardson Claims He Mentioned Shortage The witness further testified that Richardson had said he had known of the shortage as early as 1916 or 1917, a year or two after coming to work for Drager. "He admitted that he kept track of it in a personal book, but he denied altering endorsements on the back of tax vouchers."

The state had earlier asserted that the dates marked on the reverse of vouchers cashed at year ends were changed to make those actually cashed in December appear as though cashed in the January following in an effort to conceal the shortage from year to year. Richardson's record book of the shortage had also been introduced during the morning session. "Richardson said that he told Drager of the shortage in 1916 or 1917," Spears continued, "but the treasurer denied this during the conversation at the statehouse and challenged Richardson to tell him of 'one time' when he had introduced during the morning session. "Richardson answered 'many times' but the defendant denied this statement."

George Rhoten in cross examination asked whether the men appeared angry or bitter over the statements made about the shortage. To this the witness responded that he saw "surprise" and "indignation" on Drager's face when Richardson claimed having told the treasurer of its existence on many occasions. No Checkup Means Possessed by Clerk Council C. Ward, whom Marsh called to the stand following Spears' dismissal, testified that according to records filed in the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

White-Garbed Garage Looter Eludes East Salem Pursuers

A prowler specializing in garages stirred up residents of North 20th and 21st streets, was chased by W. S. Reed, 385 North 20th and finally eluded householder and police Thursday night. Reed, coming home about 9:30, flushed a man out of his backyard and gave chase, but lost the trail. He described the prowler as about 18 years old, slender, and wearing white pajamas, which had been stolen from the Reed garage. On returning to his home, Reed found the lock on his garage had been picked and a hunting knife, three boxes of .22 shells, a drill, a padlock and a new pair of buckskin gloves missing. Only a few minutes later W. J. McKenzie, 243 North 21st street, heard a noise in his garage and