

By Charles A. Sprague

Today is the 75th anniversary of the most famous cow-kick in history. On that day in 1871 Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over the lantern that started the great fire that burned over much of the city of Chicago. Three and one-half square miles of the city were laid waste; over 200 persons lost their lives; nearly 100,000 were made homeless; 17,450 buildings were destroyed; losses amounted to \$200,000,000. The only other fires in this country causing comparable damage were the San Francisco fire of 1906, with losses of \$350,000,000, and the great Tillamook burn in Oregon in 1903 with losses then estimated at around \$300,000,000.

Presumably because the recalling of the disastrous Chicago fire is the best way of warning the public against the ever-present danger of fire, the annual fire prevention week comes during the week of its anniversary. That this year is indicated by the current reports on fire losses. The first six months of 1946 the total losses from fires in the United States amounted to \$297 million. The destruction for this half-year exceeds the total losses for eight full years out of the last fourteen. The low was \$235 million in 1935, and for all of 1940 the losses were only \$266 million for 1941 \$304 million; for 1943 \$373 million. In 1945 losses jumped to \$484 million. This year the total losses will exceed \$600 million. Of course higher valuations now make the losses run higher, but they are just as real now as any time. As a matter of fact the property (Continued on editorial page)

Registration of Landlords in Area Dwindles

Registration of Marion county and West Salem landlords this week is lagging behind schedule, rent control officials at the Salem armory said Tuesday evening. Fewer than 200 registrations were made on each of Monday and Tuesday, they reported.

Claire Lee, rent director, urged that all landlords appear promptly for registration so that an over-all survey of Salem area rentals will provide the groundwork for adjustment procedure at the earliest possible date.

So far 1596 of an estimated 8000 landlords have registered. Of the total signed up to date, 71 were hotel or rooming house proprietors who rent a total of 327 units, it was reported. Only 194 landlords registered Tuesday, the sixth day of registration since federal rent control based on July 1, 1945, rent levels was established here by the office of price administration.

Lee said the staff of experienced clerks from Portland and Medford is still on hand to expedite registrations. He also called attention to the new telephone number of the armory rent office, 7-5530.

2,387 Homes Await Materials in 50 Cities in Oregon

More than half the 2,387 houses under construction in 50 Oregon cities could be completed within a month if certain materials become readily available, a state department of veterans' affairs survey showed Tuesday.

The survey was presented over the weekend to visiting U. S. housing expediter Wilson Wyatt by Col. George Sandy, director of the department.

It quoted various Oregon mayors on the housing situation, including from Gervais comment that more consideration of GIs, fewer favors to larger contractors and less exportation of building materials would help, and from Monmouth comment that "I believe a free market without controls would solve our problems after the first adjustment period."

Animal Crackers



"When are you going to do something about these gophers?"

Army Considering Mass Round-World Flight of B-29 Fleet

By John M. Highower and E. E. Bomas

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8 (AP)—Round-the-world flight of between eight and 24 B-29 bombers in the next few weeks is being planned by the army air forces if the state department approves—but it was uncertain tonight whether the approval would be given.

Released



ROME, Oct. 8—Released by Yugoslav authorities in Belgrade after being held nine days on espionage charges, Robert Burson of Independence, Mo., an UNRRA engineer, waits in Rome, Italy, for passage to the United States. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Rome)

Man to 'Return From Dead' to Claim Estate

OREGON CITY, Ore., Oct. 8 (AP)—Henry W. Hagemann has decided, after all, to return from the dead—because it's worth it.

The circumstances were explained today by Clackamas County District Attorney Leonard Lindas, administrator of Hagemann's family estate, who said court action in the case is planned.

In 1931 he was declared legally dead after more than seven years' absence prospecting in Alaska. A few years later he learned about it but decided that to reopen the matter would be scarcely worth while since the only visible gain would be \$100 left to him by his father and collected by his wife following his legal death.

Now, however, he wants to come back to life, for his stepmother, who was also his aunt, died leaving an estate of about \$15,000. Leonard Lindas, administrator for the estate, said Hagemann's share would be \$1000 to \$2000.

Alaska Votes On Statehood

JUNEAU, Alaska, Oct. 8 (AP)—Alaskans voted today, in a purely advisory referendum, on whether they want congress to make their state the 49th state of the union, the territory the nation's newest, largest and northernmost state. A disruption in communications caused by meteorological disturbances prevented early returns from being radioed to the U. S. houses.

Statehood sponsors have had bills introduced in congress in the past, including two last sessions, but no action was taken on them and the territory never has voted on the issue. Today's advisory referendum if passed would be only a first step, as congress must pass an enabling act and a constitution be adopted, possibly a matter of years' delay.

Mid-Valley Well Represented on Prize Lists at Portland Pacific International Livestock Show

By Lillie L. Madsen
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Marion, Polk and Linn counties are well represented at the Pacific International Livestock show in both the judging rings and among the spectators. The show opened at North Portland last Saturday and will close Saturday night.

While there are more than 4,000 entries of livestock, there still is no Red Poll class. C. E. Lewis of Aumsville complained as he greeted old friends there Tuesday. However, this will be changed by next year he added. Lewis had been a Red Poll breeder for 30 years and has shown recently in Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Newport of Detroit are the only valley people showing in the beef cattle division. They have four of their 25 "Polled Herefords" on exhibit. Also they are the only ones with Polled Herefords this year. Newport says that a Willamette Valley Polled Hereford Breeders' association is to be formed this year, that there are 25 breeders in the valley and that the organization will likely acquire a Salem, Newport will show at Walla Walla.

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Chest At 97% Mark In Drive

Salem's Community Chest campaign appeared virtually certain of going over the top today if late pledges equal their normal total.

The drive officially closed Tuesday with \$78,435 pledged or paid. The amount represents slightly over 97 per cent of the \$80,000 goal. Chairman Tinkham Gilbert at the final chest luncheon held jointly with the Kiwanis club, said "we now believe the total will be raised."

Divisions Report

Amounts reported by the 12 divisions included: automotive and transport (Clair L. Brown, chairman), \$6101; contractors and builders (James J. Walton), \$8000; education (Carl Asehbrenner), \$2736; general gifts (William C. Dyer), \$7130.50; governmental (George Alexander), \$6335; industrial (Fred Stettler), \$10,899.50; mercantile (Ed Schreder), \$12,541; professional (Edward Majek), \$9545; rural (F. A. Doerfler), \$2215; utilities (Ralph Johnson), \$2150; West Salem (Albert Lamb), \$1493; women (Mrs. Carl E. Nelson), \$9465.

Rev. Strain Speaks

The Rev. Dudley Strain, pastor of the First Christian church, stressed to the chest workers that "it is people, not just organizations who actually benefit from the aid rendered, and said also that in such a community enterprise the givers as well as those directly helped derive a definite benefit from the results."

Seven of the chest divisions finished the formal campaign with their goal already achieved or exceeded, reports indicated. The divisions so listed were: automotive and transport, contractors and builders, mercantile, professional, utilities, West Salem, women.

Oregon May Lose Command Of Guard Unit

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 8—Reports were current today that plans to place Oregon's command and headquarters of the revived National Guard 41st infantry division in Oregon are stymied with indications the command may go to Washington.

One newspaper reported a national guard officer who declined to be quoted said army physicians have declared Gen. Thomas E. Riley, adjutant general of Oregon who was assistant divisional commander when the outfit went to the Pacific in 1942, unable to pass the physical examinations for field command.

The newspaper's verbal agreement between Washington and Oregon military leaders, Oregon was to receive one major general, the top command, and headquarters while Washington was to receive the two brigadier generals, the assistant commander and the artillery commander.

The newspaper said Oregon officers had agreed to reverse the arrangement of command; but that Washington guardsmen have declined to allocating the artillery command to Oregon.

Meanwhile two Oregon officers, Col. Harold G. Malson, of Salem, and Col. William D. Jackson of Portland, have been ordered to report to Washington, D.C. for examinations for brigadier general, the paper said.

National Head Of Elks Lodge Salem Visitor

(Picture on page 7)

Charles E. Broughton of Sheboygan, Wis., grand exalted ruler of the Elks lodge, and his official staff are scheduled to arrive in Salem via car from Portland today to be guests at a noon luncheon in the Salem Elks' temple.

This afternoon, the visitors will visit Albany and Corvallis, and will meet with the Eugene Elks' lodge tonight.

The official party, in addition to Broughton, is expected to include the grand exalted ruler; Eddie Masters, grand secretary; John E. Drummy, chairman of the grand trustees; Sam Stern, grand trustee, and Frank Loneragan, past grand exalted ruler. With the party, too, is Clifford B. Mudd of Salem, on the grand lodge activities committee and first grand lodge appointee from this city.

Woodburn, Salem To Supply Draftees

Seven men from Salem and Woodburn will be called for induction about October 25, according to information from the Marion county selective service office Tuesday.

Five men will come from Marion county board 1, Salem, and two from board 2, Woodburn. The Stanton board, 3, will send no men as the quota from there already has enlisted, it was said.

Buildings from Adair to House State Activities

The state board of control Tuesday approved the purchase of five one-story frame buildings at Camp Adair, for use in housing a number of smaller state activities here pending construction of additional permanent state buildings.

Three of the buildings will be placed in Waverly street, between the capitol and the state office and supreme court buildings. Waverly street recently was vacated by the Salem city council, contingent upon the purchase of the Camp Adair structures by the state. The other two buildings will be located on lots immediately east of the sunken garden.

Officials estimated the cost of the five buildings at approximately \$3000, plus the expense of moving them to Salem and remodeling operations.

The board also approved a request by L. I. Laws, manager of the state flax industry, to contract up to 3000 acres of flax for the 1947 season.

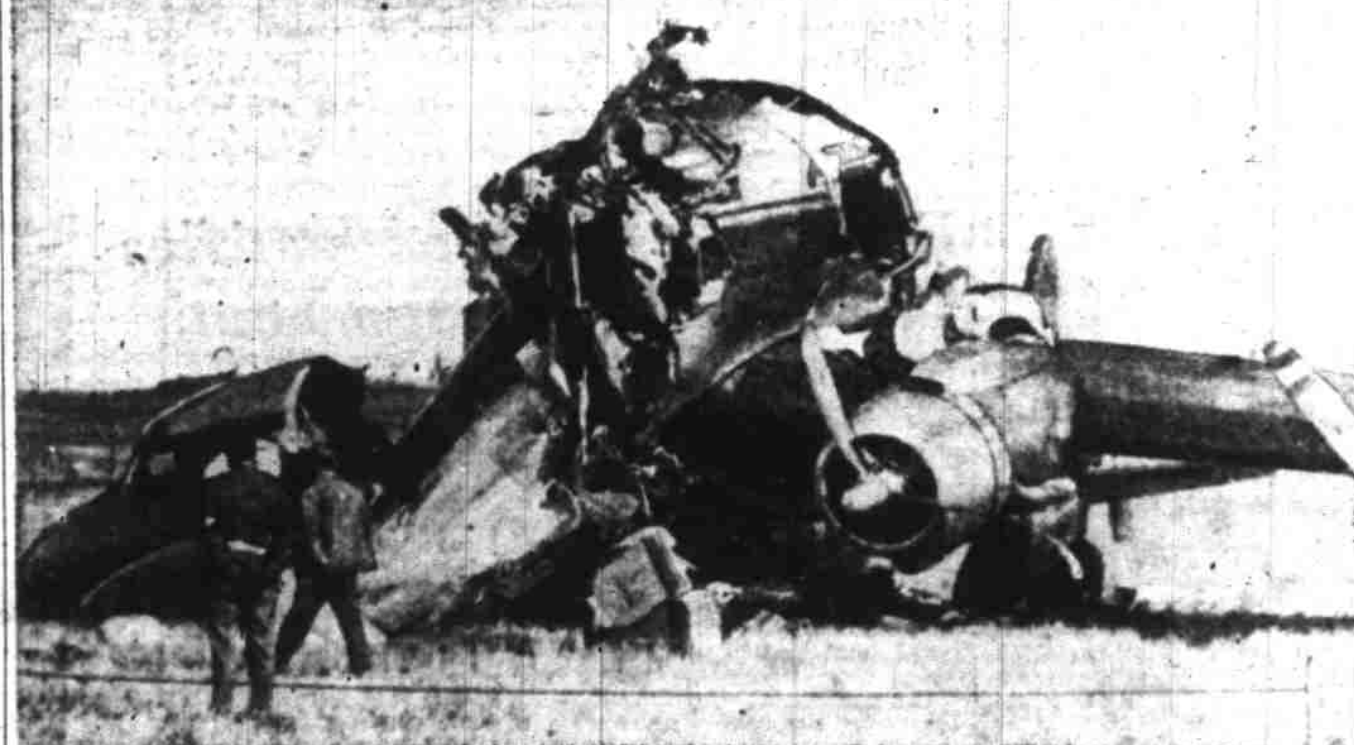
Relapse Suffered By Cordell Hull

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8 (AP)—The condition of Cordell Hull, secretary of state, was reported last tonight to be less favorable, "due to a slight relapse during the day."

The 75-year-old Hull had a stroke September 30 at Bethesda naval hospital and for some days was in a critical condition. However, the hospital said he was steadily improving until today's relapse.

CPA Plans Court Fight As Grants Pass Projects Rise

44 Persons Survived Crash of This Airliner



CHEYENNE, Wyo., Oct. 8—This United Airliner's four-engine DC4 with 46 persons aboard crashed near here today, killing two passengers. The pilot, Capt. L. H. Smith (at right), sustained only minor injuries. The control cabin was sheared off but remained almost intact. (AP wirephoto.)

Two Die as Mainliner Crashes in Wyoming

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Oct. 8 (AP)—A four-engine United Air Lines mainliner, coming in for a pre-dawn landing at Cheyenne, crashed today near a munitions dump at Fort Francis E. Warren, killing two of the 47 persons aboard and injuring at least 10 others.

The DC-4 plane, bound from San Francisco to Chicago, crashed in the fog a mile and a half northwest of the Cheyenne airport after a survivor said—it had circled the field three times and one engine had faltered.

United Air Lines identified the dead as Mrs. Margaret Flint, about 50, Cambridge, Mass., and Wilhelm Wang, about 35, San Francisco.

Eight occupants suffered serious to critical injuries, and nearly all the others survivors received bruises. Forty-three persons were taken to Memorial hospital in Cheyenne and the Fort Warren hospital for examination before being released.

L. H. Smith of Atherton, Calif., pilot of the plane, was treated at the Fort Warren hospital for a broken nose and head injuries, and the co-pilot, Harry Buchman, of San Francisco, suffered back injuries.

A former navy aviation machinist's mate, Allan Harmon of Charlotte, N. C., gave the first description of the crash. He said the big plane circled Cheyenne three times and he believed one of the right engines sputtered just a few seconds before the accident. Harmon said the plane was about 400 feet above the ground at the time and the right wing appeared to dip. Apparently, he said, the ship was too low for the pilot to right it, and it struck the ground with a tremendous crash.

The right wing was sheared off, apparently as the plane skidded about 400 yards along the ground, Fire Chief Ralph Garrett of Cheyenne reported, and the fuselage was broken completely in two near the forward part of the plane.

Judges Outlaw Suit to Revamp Legislature

PORTLAND, Oct. 8 (AP)—A suit to give Multnomah and other populous counties more representation in the state legislature lost in circuit court here today.

Three judges, sitting en banc, said that state courts have no authority to outlaw a legislature's acts or to unseat legislators, even though a constitutional provision for reapportionment has not been followed.

"The duty to act as enjoined by the constitution is a continuing duty, but one which the courts may not require to be discharged," the court said.

The suit had been brought by Richard L. Neuberger, Portland author, who alleged constitutional provisions for representation by population had not been followed.

Hits, Runs Replace Apples, Oranges

NEEDHAM, Mass., Oct. 8 (AP)—Sixth grade pupils of Stephen Palmer public school today studied arithmetic by computing world series hits, runs and errors.

Blackboard diagrams of the Boston Red Sox and St. Louis Cardinals positions and the 24 girls and 11 boys who score the games, figure batting averages and keep records of daily attendance and gate receipts.

"And the girls are just as keen about it as the boys," said teacher Mrs. Margaret Heideman.

Parking Meter Case Appeal to Go Before High Court Today

City Attorney Lawrence Brown will defend the city plan to install parking meters when the appealed case of Morris vs. the city is heard by the state supreme court today.

Earlier in the year the Marion county circuit court held in favor of Dr. Henry Morris in a brought suit to challenge the city's right to install meters as an infringement on his property rights, an interference with police powers and on other grounds.

Brown said last night he would reiterate the city's position that the city is not obligated to a parking meter company inasmuch as no fund need be budgeted in the plan whereby the meter company will be reimbursed from meter revenue only. He said also that the city maintains parking meters would actually increase police enforcement of traffic ordinances rather than interfere with police powers.

In cases heard Tuesday, the supreme court affirmed a \$5000 judgment by the Crook county circuit court in favor of Claude Fisher, who brought suit against his employer, the Ochoco Lumber company, for damages for personal injuries. In a Polk county appeal of Otto W. Heider vs. Arnold G. Bernier, involving payment of a promissory note, Judge Arlie G. Walker was reversed and a new trial ordered.

Ellsworth, Angell Hit 'Red Tape'

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Oct. 8 (AP)—Hammers continued to pound here today as local builders and the civilian production administration moved toward a court show-down on unauthorized construction.

Stop-work orders issued on unauthorized housing were disregarded by more than a score of builders who posted "no trespassers" signs. The steering committee of the newly formed Citizens' Protective association, after a meeting attended by 900 persons last night, said today that answers given by Charles C. Bayles, national housing administration expediter, left the situation "unchanged."

Property records were checked at the courthouse today by two CPA agents. Last week the CPA office at Portland reported that injunctions would be sought against those continuing construction.



Work Speeded On Levelling of Bush Pasture

Work was being speeded on the Willamette university section of Bush pasture this week in an effort to get the plot ready for grass seeding before cold weather.

The land, on the north side of the pasture, is being levelled and the water and drainage pipes are to be installed immediately. Top soil also is to be spread.

Prof. Robert W. Fenix, Willamette business manager, said it was hoped to have the baseball field for which the mound and bases already are located—ready for practice next spring, and to have the gridiron seeded this fall to assure a firm turf by the time an athletic plant can be constructed at a site just east of the Bush home.

Willamette obtained 10 acres under agreement with the city prior to the recent purchase of the Bush tract.

Moon, Clouds Hide Display

If it isn't one thing it's another. A bright moon and an overcast sky took turns preventing Pacific northwest observers from seeing a shower of shooting stars forecast for the western United States late last night and early this morning.

The overcast blotted the sky from sight at Portland while a bright moon locally and at points in central Oregon outshone all but the largest of the stars normally visible.

The eastern United States will have an opportunity to view the spectacle, the comet Giacobini-Zinner, with eight flaming tails, tomorrow night, weather permitting.

Engineer to Study Salem Sewer System

Work of planning for a new Salem sewage disposal system began in earnest Tuesday with the appointment of Merrill Ash, 2255 Trade st., as an assistant city engineer to complete a sewer study and draw final plans and specifications for an interceptor sewer line that will both relieve local pollution and fit into the sewage disposal plant planned for the future.

Ash, who was employed in the Salem city engineer's office a number of years ago, recently returned from South America where he was a consulting hydroelectric engineer. During the war he had worked in refinery construction engineering in Arabia.

First work on the sewer system here will be an appraisal of the Oregon State college meter-study of Salem outfall sewers, made in 1945. This will be followed by extensive field work to determine the best location for the interceptor line and, finally, completion of plans and specifications.

Employment of the new assistant engineer was authorized Monday night by the city council.

The Weather

Place	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	64	50	0.00
Portland	64	50	0.00
San Francisco	74	47	0.00
Chicago	64	47	0.00
New York	61	42	0.00

Willamette river -2.8 feet.
FORECAST from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem: Partly cloudy today and tonight with little change in temperature. Highest 47. Lowest 44.