

THE BEND BULLETIN

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State Forecast
Oregon—Mostly cloudy to-
day and Tuesday. Intermit-
tent light rain and snow in
mountains. Slightly warmer
today. High 35-45 today.
Low 22-32 tonight.

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Firs Uprooted By Snow Slide On Santiam

New Barrier Formed On Mountain Road as Slide Sweeps From Highlands

A snowy, rock-laden avalanche that ripped firs from their roots spread a new barrier across the blocked Santiam highway Saturday night, as crews continued their efforts to cut through a long snow slide at Hogg rock. The new avalanche was on the South Santiam highway, about a mile below the Slide creek avalanche of this past week.

Highway officials say the new slide spilled debris across the lower highway over a distance of 800 feet, and is 20 feet deep in places. Trees, carried before the avalanche from the steep slope to the north, are included in the debris that forms a new blockade on the mountain route, closed for more than a week.

Crews at Work

Crews working from the west side have already started work of removing the avalanche debris from the highway. The new avalanche occurred while crews were still at work breaking through the one from Slide creek that blocked the highway last week.

Information from the stormy Santiam region today indicated that little progress is being made in cutting through the snow slide at Hogg pass. This slide is about a quarter of a mile in length. Rotaries have been boring into the snow from both sides. Depth of the snow in the area has handicapped removal work.

Mud Slides Occur

Mud slides have also occurred on the Santiam route in the Blue lake area, on a steep slope. With the exception of the Santiam, opening date of which can not even be predicted at present, all other major winter routes over the Cascades were open today, and in fair winter shape.

In lower areas, some sections of highways are breaking up, as frost thaws from the ground. In the Bend area, the Bend-Redmond secondary highway remained blocked over the week end by a miniature lake opposite the O. W. Grubb ranch. The Butler road, just east of Bend, also remained closed today by water.

Breakup Noted

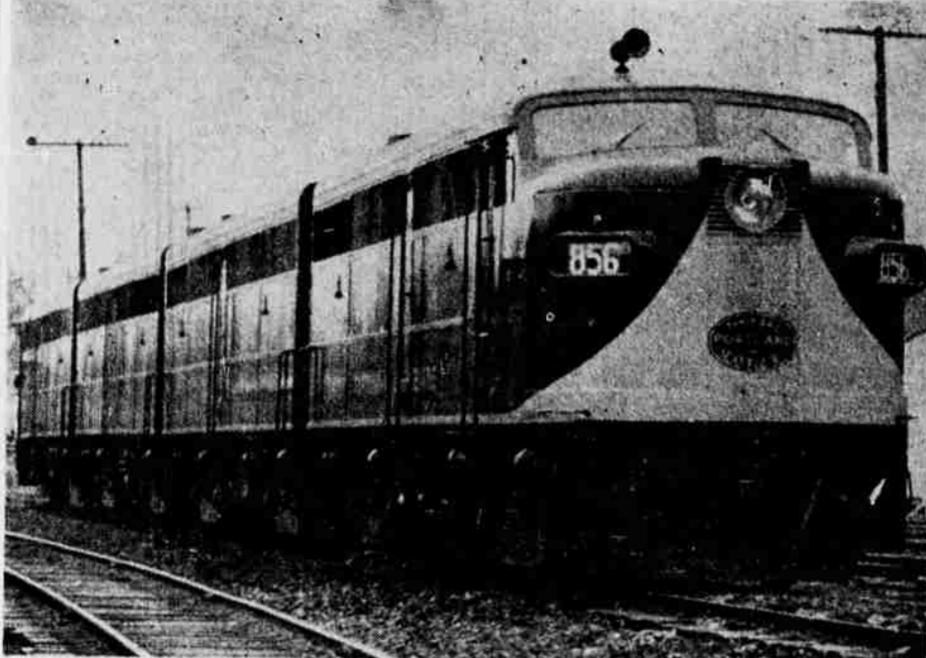
Yesterday morning, an unexpected break-up of the new highway north of Crooked river bridge, at the Juniper butte gap, occurred. A soft place developed directly on the divide, and a heavy truck broke through. Course gravel was hauled in to provide a temporary repair for the soft spot.

Considerable highway break-up has been reported from lower areas, where warmer weather has prevailed. Extensive damage is expected on midstate routes when frost disappears from the ground. In Bend, lakes that formed around town following the thaw were gradually disappearing today, but in some areas streets were impassable.

NEWBRY TO ATTEND MEET

Salem, Feb. 21 (AP)—Secretary of state Earl T. Newbry plans to leave for Chicago tomorrow to attend an executive meeting of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators of which he is first vice-president. He will return next week.

Diesel Electric Locomotive Placed on Bend Run



A road freight diesel electric locomotive, one of three purchased by the S P & S at a cost of more than \$2,000,000, has been placed in regular operation on the Deschutes gorge line. This picture was taken Sunday when the big locomotive was in the Bend yards.

Diesel Engine On Initial Run

A new 6,000-horsepower road freight diesel electric locomotive, first of its kind ever to operate over the Deschutes line on regular schedule, pulled a freight train into Bend from the north Sunday and attracted considerable attention during its stay in the local yards. The big diesel moved north this morning at 2:15, on its regular run.

E. B. Stanton, vice-president and general manager of the SP&S railway, has announced that the locomotive is one of three purchased by the company for operation between Portland and Seattle and Portland and Bend. The locomotives were built at the Schenectady, N.Y., plant of the American Locomotive company. Stanton said use of the diesels will result in greatly improved freight service between Portland and northwest points.

"These new freight locomotives have several outstanding features, including low fuel consumption and easy accessibility of parts by simpler gear change without alteration of other equipment," company officials said. "The locomotives can be geared to operate at speeds ranging from 65 to 125 miles per hour."

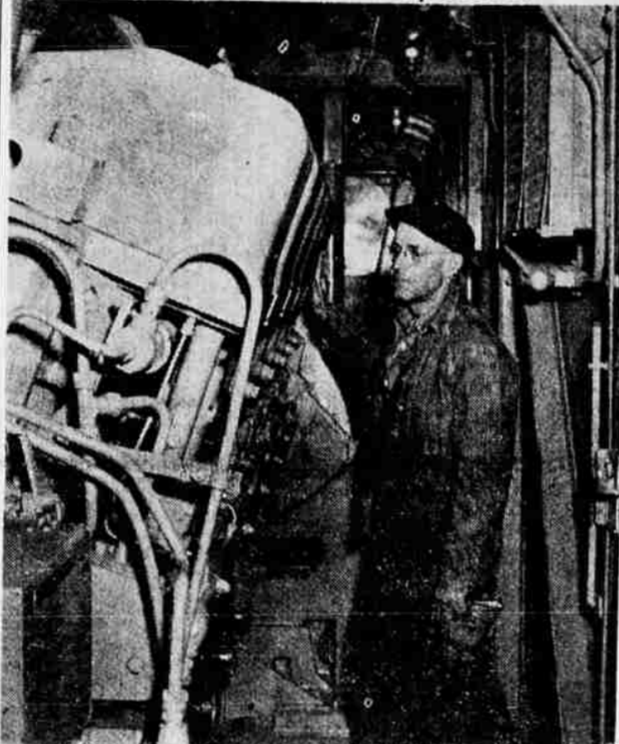
The three locomotives represent an investment of more than \$2,000,000. The purchases were made as part of a program to speed up and improve service.

Engineer Ernest Barton was at the controls of the locomotive when it pulled into Bend yesterday, with Fireman McDowell and Conductor McCullough as other members of the crew.

DOCTORS' OFFICE ENTERED

A prowler entered the office of Drs. Harry E. Mackey and W. O. Courter, 726 Wall street, early Saturday evening and stole some money, according to information from the police station. The prowler apparently entered a door that had been unlocked. Amount of cash taken had not been determined this morning.

Big Locomotive Inspected



Among local residents who inspected the diesel electric locomotive on its visit to Bend yesterday was Charles J. Cady, roundhouse foreman. Cady is pictured looking over the inside of the big locomotive.

New Storm Heads for Coast, Motorists Fighting Icy Roads

Army Bulldozers, Snowplows Clear Portions Of Blizzard Area; Mild Weather Prevailing

A new storm, coastwise in scope, was heading for the Pacific northwest Monday, while motorists fought ice on the Columbia river highway as a silver thaw covered a 75-mile stretch from Corbett, Ore., east toward The Dalles.

The new rainfall, however, was not expected by river forecasters to add greatly to flood threats.

The storm, forming 1200 miles off the Oregon coast, was due to hit the seaboard Tuesday afternoon, to be preceded by winds that would cause storm warnings to be renewed Monday and Monday night.

Portland Papers Still Strikebound

Portland, Ore., Feb. 21 (AP)—Portland's front porches were bare of newspapers again today as the city's strikebound dailies, the Oregon Journal and the Oregonian, failed to publish.

Negotiations between AFL Web Pressmen's Local 17 and the publishers appeared deadlocked. The pressmen left their job Friday and voted to strike 101 to 1.

Frank L. Cady, pressmen's international representative, said, "We won't meet until the publishers make an offer." The publishers met Sunday but issued no statement.

Both papers with a combined circulation of 415,000 were held for the second time within a week when the pressmen walked out.

WATER SHORTAGE NOTED

Madras, Ore., Feb. 21 (AP)—Most of Jefferson county was without drinking water today.

Ice and logs in the Crooked river damaged turbines of the Opal Springs Water Co.'s pumping station, cutting the domestic water supply to most parts of Jefferson county.

The city of Madras, which has its own water system, was unaffected.

Bend Skiers Win Trophies During Meet

Lion's Share of Prizes Won by Junior Skiers In Cross-Country Race

Junior skiers from the Bend Skyliners won the lion's share of the prizes in the Obsidian-sponsored PNSA cross-country race held yesterday in the Willamette ski area. Eleven of the 12 entered by the local club brought home trophies, although it was the first cross-country race in which any of the local group had participated.

Marcia Skjersaa, Bend high school junior, placed first in the junior girls' division, leading the runner-up by nearly five minutes. Her sister, Clara, a Bend high school freshman, placed second in a field of five, in the juvenile girls' division. The girls are daughters of Nels Skjersaa, veteran cross-country skier, who is one of the winter sports enthusiasts who assisted in coaching the local entrants.

Wins in Big Field

Marcia, who won over a field of seven, made the run in 66 minutes, 10.6 seconds. Besides receiving a cup and a division championship medal, she will be honored by having her name engraved on the Jack Meissner perpetual trophy, given by the well-known northwest skier who made a spectacular trip down the Skyline trail last year. But he and his wife were high-ranking competitors in their respective classes yesterday.

In the juvenile boys' division, Bend won all four first places and ninth, from a field of 13. In top place was David Rasmussen, followed by Jim Gilliland, Doug Thompson and Lem Foster. George Johnston was ninth.

Four Bend entrants in the junior boys' division, for skiers between the ages of 16 and 18, placed high enough to receive medals. Don Simerville placed sixth, four and a half minutes behind the winner, Charles Moore, of Seattle, who placed high in northwest competition last year. Dick Rasmussen was ninth, Henry Herbring, tenth, and Dick Gohrke, eleventh. Ted McKee was in sixteenth place.

Cups Received

All first, second and third place winners received cups which remain in their possession, and PNSA championship medals went to those who finished with the first 12 in each division. Awards were made by Baker Ferguson, PNSA president, at a banquet Sunday evening at McCready Springs.

Miss Marianne Gerke, Skyliner president and PNSA junior ski chairman, was chief recorder of finish times. Also among those present from Bend were Leo Herbring, who assisted the race committee, and Nels Skjersaa.

Many seasoned skiers took part in the competition, and the race provided thrills for spectators as well as for participants, it was reported by those who attended. Gunnvold Haugen and Kolf Rodegard, native Scandinavians, won the championships in the A and B men's classes, respectively. Eight "Blader," from Sweden, placed first in the class C women's division.

The states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and the territory of Alaska, comprise the area under jurisdiction of the Pacific Northwest Ski association.

Cuban Violinist To Give Concert

Angel Reyes, Cuban violinist, will be presented in concert Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 8:30 p.m. at the Tower theater. The concert is the second in the current series sponsored by the Bend Community Concert association. Reyes has been called "the Cuban Heifetz" and "an artist of exceptional endowments." In recognition of his achievements, his own country has honored him with the decoration of the National Order of Carlos Manuel de Cespedes.

Report on Roads

Throughout Oregon the pavements were generally bare today. A silver thaw, however, caused ice to form on the Columbia river highway between Corbett and Latourel falls and chains were required on that highway.

The Bellevue-Hopewell, Woodburn-Estacada and Hillsboro-Woodburn roads remained closed because of high water.

The north and south Santiam highways still were closed by snow slides and plows worked in all passes.

Israel, Egypt Armistice Pact Seen in Offing

Rhodes, Feb. 21 (AP)—Approval of a final armistice pact between Israel and Egypt was reported only a few days away today as the result of a compromise agreement worked out by acting Palestine mediator Dr. Ralph Bunche.

The compromise agreement was presented to both sides at a joint formal meeting and immediately was relayed to Tel Aviv and Cairo for approval.

Details of the proposal were not made public, but it was understood the last stumbling block to complete agreement was the question of Beer-sheba.

Israeli forces captured Beer-sheba in their last offensive. The Egyptians have refused to recognize Israeli dominion over the town.

An Israeli delegate said Israel probably would accept the compromise proposal if it were approved by the Egyptian government.

The joint session was called by Bunche after all-night negotiations on the problem of Beer-sheba. A communique said the conference then was adjourned. The next meeting will be called by Bunche, probably when both sides make known their decision.

Decision Expected On Atlantic Pact

Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—Diplomatic officials said today that important decisions are expected this week in the North Atlantic security pact negotiations.

These informants said there is a strong possibility that the historic treaty will be signed within a month.

High-level international and congressional talks on the pact scheduled during the week may be the most important since the negotiations began last July, it was said.

Secretary of state Dean Acheson will meet with envoys of Canada, Britain, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and The Netherlands. Matters discussed by the seven powers will then be presented to the senate foreign relations committee for review.

While other similar meetings will follow, officials said this week's talks, barring unexpected obstacles, may reduce the remainder of the negotiations to routine, technical matters of phrasing.

Hopes for an early signing of the pact were boosted when Sen. Robert A. Taft, republican policy leader, threw his support behind a treaty that would pledge American aid to western Europe in case of attack.

Taft said he favors a North Atlantic accord similar to the western hemisphere defense pact signed at Rio de Janeiro in 1947. It is based on the principle that an attack on any American nation is an attack on all of them.

MRS. DOERNBECHER DIES

Portland, Feb. 21 (AP)—Martha Doernbecher, widow of the late Frank S. Doernbecher, Portland furniture manufacturer, died at her Milwaukie home today. She was 83.

Morse Attacks Employers For Urging Bill Retention To Keep U. S. Labor Down

Blasts Attitude of the 'Selfish' Proponents Of the Taft-Hartley Law; Taft Gets Praise For 'Fair-Minded Objectivity' on Measure

Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—Sen. Wayne Morse, R., Ore., today sharply attacked "selfish" employers who, he said, are urging retention of the Taft-Hartley labor law "in order to hold labor down."

"This attitude of the selfish proponents of the Taft-Hartley law constitutes a Judas betrayal of the capitalistic system," Morse said in a caustic statement.

He said such employers are following the philosophy of the chamber of commerce of the United States and the National Association of Manufacturers. The two organizations have urged retention of the Taft-Hartley law in testimony before the senate labor committee which is considering an administration bill to repeal the law and revive the Wagner act with "improvements."

Law Discussed

Morse said, however, that any new labor law also must "check the abuses of labor because fair play must work both ways if we are to develop a society of Christian brotherhood as a substitute for economic warfare."

Morse said he and Sen. Robert A. Taft, R., O., may not agree on all details as to the need for drastic revision of the law. But, he said, "we are much nearer together on the point of the need for a law less drastic against labor than we were in 1947 when the Taft-Hartley law was passed."

He praised Taft's "fair-minded objectivity" in considering testimony and evidence of "the shortcomings" of the law.

Representatives Charged

He charged that "many" employer representatives who appeared before the committee take the attitude that labor is a "commodity to be hired as cheaply as possible." But he added that he is convinced that the overwhelming majority of American employers do not share "this class-conscious, selfish attitude."

Morse said the forces "who want to keep labor weak in order to control a larger share of the wealth created by labor are contributing to the resentment... developing as a result of the class conflict created by such unfair legislation" as the Taft-Hartley law.

Bend to Observe Semi-Holiday

Bend will observe Washington's birthday tomorrow as a legal and federal holiday, but with all stores and other business firms open, a check around town this afternoon indicated.

Closed tomorrow will be the banks, the post office and the Deschutes county courthouse. All federal offices will be closed.

One of the few state offices remaining open tomorrow will be the employment service, in the courthouse.

Schools will remain open tomorrow.

Opposers of CVA Called 'Foolish'

Portland, Feb. 21 (AP)—Congressman Hugh B. Mitchell, R., Wash., told a week end meeting of Columbia Valley Authority plan supporters "the governors of Oregon, Idaho and Washington are foolish men."

"They do not realize the creation of a CVA will lead to a fair deal on the Columbia," he said.

The governors had publicly opposed a CVA, and endorsed north-west development through "existing agencies."

Mitchell said the plan was an "urgent necessity" and not a dream of do-gooders.

Officials of groups with an estimated 600,000 members announced their organizations would back the CVA plan.

They were: the Oregon and Washington granges, the Washington, Oregon and Idaho federations of labor, the Oregon and Washington CIO, the International Woodworkers of America (CIO) and the Farmers' Unions of Idaho, Oregon and Montana.

Mitchell said legislation to set up a Columbia Valley Authority would be introduced in congress in three weeks, accompanied by a presidential message.

Melrose Acres Advised on Water

Persons using well water in the Melrose Acres area and in the area to the south of Prineville are advised to boil all drinking water, according to an announcement today by Dr. Elizabeth Bishop, medical director of the Tri-County health department.

Dr. Bishop explained that such a precaution is necessary because surface water has contaminated well water in those two areas.

She added that boiling of water in those areas should be continued until further notification from the health office.

CARS JUMP TRACK

Chatsworth, Ga., Feb. 21 (AP)—Eight cars of the Louisville and Nashville railroad's fast passenger train, the Flamingo, jumped the tracks in rugged mountain country about five miles south of here today.

Washington's Family Portrayed



The George Washington family greeted guests at the American Legion auxiliary's annual Washington breakfast, yesterday in the library auditorium. Second from left in the picture is Martha Washington, portrayed by Mrs. Craig Coyner, with the "father of his country," in the person of Mrs. L. M. Lancaster, at her side. At extreme right is Mrs. Willard Higgins, as the Washingtons' daughter, Pattie Curtis, and at left is Mrs. T. H. Mark, as the granddaughter, Nellie Curtis Lewis. Tables were gay with flowers and the traditional hatchets and "cherry boughs." The affair was sponsored as a benefit to send some local girls to the annual Girls' State encampment next summer.

President's Program Stuck In Democratic Political Bogs

By Lyle C. Wilson
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—The new democratic congress begins its eighth week today with President Truman's legislative program stuck in the political bogs.

Except for reciprocal trade legislation which has passed the house, none of the major items of his program is yet on the way to enactment. On such major issues as repeal of the Taft-Hartley act, new taxes, and higher minimum wages, Mr. Truman apparently will have to accept compromises which he will not like.

The chance that congress will vote the president standby power to control wages and prices is getting slimmer every day. The administration's farm price support program still is under study and has not been presented to congress. His program for medical insurance has been accumulating opposition as its various phases have been explained.

Brickbats are beginning to fly around the head of Sen. Scott Lucas, D., Ill., the senate majority leader. Powerful organizations which helped the democrats win their great election victory last November are beginning to complain about the caliber of senate leadership. Mr. Truman himself is getting a few knocks from the left wing, too.

The magazine New Republic in its current issue says Mr. Truman will be evading his responsibilities for moral leadership if he fails to prod congress into action toward realizing democratic objectives.

The CIO claims much credit for restoring democrats to control of the house and senate last November. But the CIO is becoming angry and impatient.

In a communication from CIO headquarters last week there were these hard words:

"Administration bungling of the worst order played right into the hands of the Taft-Hartley republicans. A good many democrats in the senate will have to be reminded vigorously and often that the party campaigned on a clear-cut pledge to repeal the Taft-Hartley act and to enact the Wagner act—and that the party won its victory on that basis."

There probably is no one in Washington today who believes the new labor legislation will work out that simply or that way. On the contrary, the senate is likely to write and pass a bill for which Sen. Robert A. Taft, R., O., will cheerfully vote. Whether the house will be able to make the final bill more pleasing to Mr. Truman and his labor followers remains to be seen.