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State Forecast

Oregon — Rain or snow to-night and Tuesday. Colder tonight and Tuesday. High 40 to 48 today, 32 to 40 Tuesday. Low tonight 25 to 35.

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Hospital Ground Breaking Ceremony Set

Truman Calls For Revision Of Tax Laws

Washington, Jan. 23 (UP)—President Truman today called for some excise tax reductions, coupled with higher levies on corporations, gifts and estates to give the government a net increase of \$1,000,000,000 in revenue.

Mr. Truman in a special tax message to congress proposed no changes in individual income taxes.

He recommended a selective reduction in excises—only to the extent that the loss in revenue can be made up by closing what he called "loopholes" in the tax laws.

He said the corporation, gift and estate tax increase, the exact amount of which he left to congress, should raise the overall government revenue by about \$1,000,000,000 a year.

The president once more criticized the 80th congress for what he called "short-sighted tax reduction" on individuals as well as some other cuts.

Mr. Truman said "drastic increases in tax rates . . . might prove to be self-defeating." But, he said, he was recommending adjustment "to reduce present inequities, to stimulate business activity and to yield about \$1,000,000,000 in net additional revenue."

He did not say precisely how much he thought excise taxes should be reduced.

"Big Mo" Still Stuck in Mud



Stern of the battleship Missouri rests high in the water on an "inconvenient" mud bank about three miles off Norfolk, Va., in Hampton Roads. The 45,000-ton vessel was heading out to sea on a routine training cruise when she ran aground in 24 feet of water. She draws 34 feet. Several attempts to dislodge the big ship have failed.

Missouri Still Fast on Mudbank; Plan New Efforts

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 23 (UP)—High and harassed naval officials clustered aboard the USS Missouri today to map plans for the next attempt to refloat the 45,000-ton battleship.

They seemed to be the only mental casualties of Big Mo's fruitless six-day battle with a stubborn Hampton Roads mudbank.

Some 750 sailors whose morale aboard ship was considered "excellent" through the frantic push-and-pull operations were ashore to boost it higher. More will follow tomorrow.

Before high tide February 2, when the navy's only battleship is expected to try to literally pull itself from the mud, all the Missouri's 1,400 sailors will have tasted liberty.

When the channel water mounts they will cast a dozen four-ton anchors 1,000 yards astern.

Thick cables which can withstand 80-ton pressure will run from the anchors to the ship's winches.

Then submarine rescue pontoons will hold the stern even while the winches pull from astern. That, explained the officers, will act as a fulcrum to hoist the Big Mo's bow, and pull her on the cables and out of the mud.

Miners Defy Lewis, Stay Out On Strike

Pittsburgh, Jan. 23 (UP)—Embittered rebel miners defied John L. Lewis' back-to-work order today and sent pickets into the coal fields to idle more than 31,000 United Mine Workers.

Protesting the UMW's three-day work week the strikers continued their two-week "no contract, no work" drive for a showdown. Resistance to Lewis' work edict centered in western Pennsylvania, northern West Virginia and Ohio.

At Jones & Laughlin's Vesta No. 5 mine in Washington county, Pennsylvania, 1,500 miners entered the pit. Roving pickets moved in and shutdown the tipple. The mine closed.

Pickets also were active in the Rivesville, W.Va., area, closing three mines. At other mines in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio the angry miners refused to report.

"It looks pretty tough," a spokesman for the Western Pennsylvania Operators association said. "It looks like there'll be more striking than there will be working in our area today."

Power Hit

There are 50,000 miners in the district. Included among the pits closed by the wildcat walkouts was the Harwick pit of Duquesne Light Co. The power company has warned that it may be forced to cut off power to 2,000 industrial consumers in the Pittsburgh area this week unless coal supplies improve.

In West Virginia, at least 5,000 refused to work when the mine whistles blew this morning. Operators feared that picketing would close more mines, even though many of the locals had met and voted to follow Lewis' strategy.

Hanna Coal Co. reported that at least three of its mines in Ohio failed to open this morning.

Observers regarded the strikes, which had idled 90,000 last week, as a protest against the UMW's three-day week policy, rather than against Lewis. However, Lewis' lieutenants fought hard to break up the walkouts.

They told miners' meetings during the week end that Lewis wanted them to work. But the rebels refused, declaring the time had come for a showdown in the eight-month battle for a 95-cent-a-day wage boost and a 15-cent-a-week bonus.

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Bend Gets Ice As Mercury Takes Tumble

Bend and much of central Oregon early today was under a sheet of ice, as a result of a sudden drop in temperature last night as a light rain fell over the Deschutes country. Some snow fell in the early morning hours. Total precipitation for the 24-hour period ending this morning at 7 o'clock was .30 of an inch.

So far this month Bend's precipitation, approximately 2.50 inches, is more than one-third of that measured here in the entire year of 1949.

In Bend, streets and sidewalks were glazed with ice through the morning hours. Despite slick roads and streets, no major accidents had been reported. Chinook winds over the week end, whipped away most of the snow pack that fell last week, with the exception of deep drifts.

Mountain passes were in general use today, but winter conditions prevailed, with motorists advised to carry chains. Only major highway reported closed was the Columbia river road.

Considerable snow fell in the mountains last night. State forecasts call for rain or snow through the ensuing 24 hours.

Program, Parade Scheduled Saturday; Contractor Makes Plans to Move Equipment

Work of assembling equipment, preparatory to start of the construction of the St. Charles memorial hospital will get under way tomorrow, according to information from Paul W. Wise, of the Boise, Ida., contracting firm of J. H. Wise & Son, low bidders on the project. Equipment will be moved here from Boise, Lewiston and Pendleton.

Assured by the junior member of the firm that equipment will be on the ground, the Hospital Founders organization has announced that a ground-breaking ceremony will be held Saturday, starting at 1 p.m. This is being planned as an all-central Oregon affair. Governor Douglas McKay is being invited to take part.

Parade Planned

Preceding the ceremony there will be a civic parade through downtown Bend. Dr. J. M. McCarthy, president of the Hospital Founders organization, has announced. Joining in the parade will be local music groups, such as the municipal and high school bands and marching units representing various fraternal organizations. It is expected that Co. I of the Oregon national guard will take part.

Final plans for the ground-breaking ceremony will be outlined at a general meeting of the Hospital Founders organization Tuesday night at the city hall, at 7:30. All men who took part in the campaign for funds and who later pledged continued support to the hospital are to join in the meeting.

Sawyer Speaker

Robert W. Sawyer, president of the Central Oregon Hospitals foundation, will be the principal speaker at the ground-breaking ceremony, and will remove the first shovel of soil from the site on which the \$900,000 hospital is to be erected. Dr. McCarthy will be master of ceremonies and, in addition to Sawyer, will introduce Carl A. Johnson, campaign chairman; Rev. Robert Nicholas, representing the Bend Ministerial association; Dr. Bradford N. Pease, who will represent the Central Oregon Medical society, and Father William Coughlan, who will represent the Catholic diocese and the Sisters of St. Joseph.

It was announced today that mayors of all central Oregon towns and judges of midstate counties are being invited to attend. Bishop Joseph McGrath of the Baker City diocese of the Catholic church also is being invited to attend the ground-breaking rites.

Work to Start Monday

With equipment being assembled this week, it is expected that actual work on the hospital project will get under way Monday. Bob Harris will be foreman for the J. H. Wise & Son firm in constructing the Bend hospital. At present, Harris is supervising work on a 35-bed hospital at Weiser, Ida., for the Boise firm.

Paul W. Wise visited Bend this past week and looked over the site where the hospital is to be erected, on the St. Charles hospital grounds at the head of Minnesota.

Directors of the Hospitals Founders organization outlined tentative plans for the ground-breaking ceremony at a meeting Saturday afternoon.

Opposition to Sale of P.P. & L. To Guy Meyers Group Voiced; Washington Hearing Opens

Washington, Jan. 23 (UP)—Curtis E. Calder, chairman of the board of Electric Bond & Share corporation went on record today as "unalterably opposed" to a bid of B. J. Van Ingen company and associates for 500,000 shares of common stock of Pacific Power & Light company.

Calder testified at an SEC hearing on the proposal of Van Ingen that it be accepted as purchaser of the stock under regulations of the holding company act. He followed on the stand Howard Allen, president of American Power & Light, owner of the stock, and a subsidiary of Electric Bond & Share.

Calder said he was opposed to any delay in disposal of the stock because of possible loss of interest that might be involved, was "unalterably opposed" to Van Ingen's bid as well as to any sale that might ultimately place Pacific Power in control of a public power district.

Allen Bid Favored

He said he favored the bid of Allen & Company and associates of \$15,000,000 cash.

Calder's support of the Allen group and his opposition to Van Ingen appeared to come as a surprise but he told reporters immediately after that he had in no way changed his position.

Van Ingen, it was disclosed early in the hearing, today revised its earlier bid to \$10,000,000 cash plus \$5,000,000 within three years.

Appearing as the first witness, Allen told the SEC trial examiner that the possibilities of establishment of a Columbia river valley administration constituted a major factor militating against successful competitive bidding for the common stock.

Several conditions militated against successful competitive bidding for the 500,000 shares of Pacific common stock owned by American, Allen said, including the probability of a future power shortage on the west coast, the "possibilities of CVA" and the tax situation as it relates to American.

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Not Specific

"I believe that reductions are most urgently needed in the excise taxes on transportation of property, transportation of persons, long-distance telephone and telegraph communications, and the entire group of retail excises, including such items as toilet preparations, luggage and handbags," he said.

The present excise taxes on toilet preparations, luggage, handbags and similar items are 20 per cent, compared with prewar rates generally of 10 per cent. The present transportation tax on persons is 15 per cent and the freight tax three per cent.

The taxes which Mr. Truman proposes to reduce will yield a total of \$1,328,000,000 in fiscal 1951, according to budget estimates.

Mr. Truman did not propose that the taxes on all corporations be increased. On the contrary, he recommended that the tax rate on corporate income between \$25,000 and \$50,000 be reduced to the same rate that applies about \$50,000. The rate on income above \$50,000 now is a maximum of 38 per cent compared with what Mr. Truman described as "the excessively high 'notch' rate of 53 per cent" between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

"These changes in the tax rate structure would go far toward removing the handicaps which the present law places upon the ex-

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Berlin Traffic Still Delayed

Berlin, Jan. 23 (UP)—Russian border guards delayed American army train traffic in and out of Berlin for seven hours early today but removed restrictions on truck traffic.

A west-bound U.S. military train running from Berlin to Frankfurt was halted at the soviet border checkpoint of Marienborn and kept there seven hours while guards made a minute inspection of travel permits carried by passengers.

One American official said the soviet "particularly objected" to the presence on the train of seven Brazilians and one German. However, the train finally was permitted to proceed at 6:35 a.m.

The Russian action also halted two other American military trains trying to get into Berlin from Bremerhaven and Frankfurt. One was delayed five hours and the other three hours. Lt. Col. J. F. Phillips, army transport chief in Berlin, said the two trains were held back by American orders until the first train was clear.

Throughout the night the Russians stopped German trucks trying to enter Berlin along the southern highway, permitting only one truck to pass every 30 minutes.

Then, in mid-morning, the barrier was lifted as suddenly as it was lowered, and the trucks were permitted to proceed.

The Russians gave no reason for delaying the trucks, which at one time were backed up for three miles.

Train Hits Rocks Near Klamath

Klamath Falls, Jan. 23 (UP)—Crews were clearing the wreckage of a Mallet engine and 21 freight cars from Southern Pacific's railroad tracks north of here today and normal service was expected to be resumed about noon.

The freight engine plowed into two giant boulders on the Algoma hill grade, 14 miles north of Klamath Falls, Saturday night. Fireman James H. White, 42, Klamath Falls, suffered a sprained back.

Train passengers were being transported around the wreck by bus.

R. R. Robinson, Dunsmuir, Cal., assistant superintendent of the railroad's Shasta division, said the track probably would be back in service about noon today.

Bus Hits Boulder Near Oregon City; 19 Persons Hurt

Oregon City, Jan. 23 (UP)—A northbound Pacific Greyhound bus struck a huge boulder south of Oregon City early today and state police said 19 of 22 passengers were injured when the heavy vehicle turned over on the highway.

Frank Johnson, Eugene, Ore., driver, said the boulder, estimated at about three tons, had fallen in the center of the northbound lane. He said he had a choice of hitting the boulder or another bus approaching from the other direction.

Johnson's bus rammed the obstruction, swerved off the road and scraped a retaining wall for 225 feet before overturning on the left side.

Passengers climbed out of the bus through a broken windshield. Only Cameron A. Sharpe, 352 West 51st St., Seattle, needed aid in leaving the bus. He suffered internal injuries and crushed ribs.

Nine persons were hospitalized and 10 others released after emergency treatment.

Besides Sharpe, those remaining for further treatment included Mrs. Louis Condore, 79, Vancouver, B.C., shock and concussion.

Donald Cramer, Coos Bay, left elbow fracture.

Glenn Welch, Oregon City, lacerated left ear and concussion.

Charles Martin, Portland, back injury.

Edna Dunbar, Portland, back injury and face lacerations.

Bruce A. Douglas, Portland, lacerated left elbow and badly cut right hand.

Gene Garoutte, Portland, back injury.

Chamber Forum Speaker Named

Bruce Kelly, president of the Oregon Junior chamber of commerce, will be principal speaker next Friday noon at a forum meeting of the Bend chamber, it was announced today.

Kelly, a Portland businessman, has chosen the Hoover commission report as the subject of his talk. A chamber spokesman said this morning that Kelly is considered one of the northwest's top speakers on the report.

The forum meeting is to be held at the Pilot Butte inn.

Chamber members who plan to attend the session are being asked to make reservations through the chamber office by Thursday evening at the latest. The phone number is 297.

Ross Candidate For Assessor

Leslie M. Ross, field deputy in the Deschutes county assessor's office, today filed as a candidate for the republican nomination to the office of assessor, it was announced.

Ross, a resident of Bend since 1927, is chairman of the Deschutes county republican central committee, and holds membership in the party's state executive and policy committees.

He was appointed field deputy this past spring by assessor Ed Risen.

This past week Risen, a democrat, announced that he will not be a candidate for nomination to the office this year.

Ross is married and has three children. For 21 years he was employed by The Shevlin-Hixon Company. He is a past Cub master of Packs 21 and 27 of the Boy Scouts of America, and is Bible school teacher at the First Christian church.

Blast Wrecks Arlington Cafe

Arlington, Jan. 23 (UP)—A butane fuel tank explosion Sunday afternoon flattened the Oregon Trail cafe and broke nearly every plate glass window in downtown Arlington. No one was reported injured.

The cafe, owned by Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Spaulding of Arlington, was a wooden structure being renovated. All Arlington was shaken by the blast.

The cafe is located on the city's main street. Mrs. Spaulding estimated the loss at about \$16,000.

Republicans See Campaign Issue, Result of Hiss Trial

Washington, Jan. 23 (UP)—Republicans are enthusiastically confident today that President Truman and Alger Hiss have handed them a socko campaign issue for 1950 and 1952.

The happiest republican of them all is Rep. Richard M. Nixon, R., Calif. He broke the Hiss case wide open and now has his sights on the United States senate.

Nixon said he would give the house this week proof that high officials of both the Roosevelt and Truman administrations tried to prevent exposure of Hiss.

Mr. Truman was a holdout for the theory that the Hiss investigation was a republican ploy. But his administration can point to the fact that its ultimate prosecution of Hiss was both vigorous and successful.

The president's contribution to republican hopes began on Aug. 5, 1948, two days after Whittaker Chambers told the house un-American activities committee that Hiss had stolen state department secrets for him. Chambers at the same time confessed he had been a communist engaged in spying for the soviet union.

Mr. Truman condemned the investigation as a "red herring" de-

Blue Heron Pays Visit to Bend

Mirror pond birds had a rare visitor yesterday—a blue heron that made a landing in Pageant park, looked over the winter scenery, then crossed the river in a long glide to the east shore and Drake park. When last seen the long-necked, long-legged bird was apparently watching with interest ducks and geese in the Mirror pond.

Last year, it is recalled, two of the big herons visited the Mirror pond area. They are occasionally reported from the up-river country, where they wade in the shallow water.

The heron seen here yesterday was identified as the type frequently seen in the Malheur river country.

Textile Painting Class Scheduled

A class in textile painting, sponsored by the Bend recreation department, will get under way Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Nancy's hat shop. It was announced today by Wayne Hamilton, recreation director. The course of instruction in decorating fabrics is in response to popular demand, and the initial class will be limited to 15, he said. If interest warrants formation of additional classes, others will probably be organized later, with the possibility of an afternoon class being considered. Mrs. Charles Keith will be the instructor.

Registration will be on a first come-first serve basis, and persons who are interested were requested to get in touch with the recreation director by telephoning 1880. The fee will be \$3, to cover six Tuesday evening class sessions, for a total of 18 hours. The meeting tomorrow night is not included in the six lessons, he said. At that time, work to be covered will be outlined, and necessary materials will be listed.

Seaton H. Smith Files Candidacy For Justice Post

Seaton H. Smith, city building inspector, today filed as a candidate for nomination to the office of district 1, Bend, justice of the peace, Mrs. Helen Dacey, Deschutes county clerk, announced.

Smith, a Bend resident, is a former member of the local high school staff. He is a republican.

It will be recalled that Smith this past week submitted his resignation as building inspector to the city commission. The commission, however, failed to act and directed Smith to tender his resignation directly to W. O. Cuthbertson, city manager.

Cuthbertson said this morning that he has not received Smith's resignation.

HEART STITCHED

Norrington, Pa., Jan. 23 (UP)—A surgeon used four stitches last night to close a wound in the heart of a 15-year-old boy stabbed accidentally while playing with a high school classmate.

Roland Mancini of Plymouth township was reported in critical condition at Montgomery hospital but physicians said he had a "good chance" of surviving because of his youth.

The boy and three companions were walking home after watching a television show when Jamie Graves, 15, began playing with a pocket knife. Mancini lunged for the knife playfully and the 3½-inch blade pierced his chest, police said.

UNION MAKES OFFER

Detroit, Jan. 23 (UP)—The CIO United Auto Workers today offered Chrysler corporation a new pension proposal which would cost the company 10 cents an hour instead of 1½ cents, cost of the union's original demand.

Norman R. Matthews, national UAW Chrysler director, said the union would accept either a 10-cent package including six cents per hour for pensions and four cents for a hospital and medical program, or a flat 10-cent-an-hour wage increase.

RANDON MAN SUICIDE

Ukiah, Calif., Jan. 23 (UP)—The body of a man identified as Lloyd Laird, 55, of Bandon, Ore., was found in an automobile parked on a lonely road near here Saturday.

Coroner B. G. Broadbent said Laird had committed suicide by attaching a hose to the car's exhaust and piping the deadly fumes into the vehicle. The windows were sealed with rags.