

RAIN

Tonight and Friday, not much change in temperature. Fresh to strong southwest winds.

Local: Max. 49; Min. 48; rain, .07; river, 11 feet; cloudy; south wind.

HUGHES CONFIRMATION IN DOUBT

PASTOR PAYNE
FOUND GUILTY
AND FINED \$10

Baptist Preacher Convicted of Assault in Trial in Justice Court

Used Stick of Wood and Chair as Weapons — Story of Conflict Told

Rev. Robert L. Payne, pastor of the First Baptist church for the past two years, was found guilty of a charge of assault by Judge Brazier C. Small in justice court Thursday forenoon and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$10. The fine was promptly paid by one of the trustees of the church.

The case which revolved around a meeting of the board of deacons of the church held early in January during which Rev. Payne was accused of wielding a chair and threatening Virgil O'Neill, a member of the church but not a deacon, was set in motion last Saturday but was postponed until Thursday when a state witness failed to put in an appearance.

Several members of the board of deacons, who were in attendance at the session which was broken up by Payne's threats, took the stand Thursday and corroborated statements made last Saturday by other deacons in regard to what transpired at the meeting. The effect of this testimony was that the

CHICAGO GANG
LEADERS CAUGHT
IN ROUND-UP

Chicago (AP)—Seven "big shot" gangsters, found behind the drawn shades of a room in which not long ago two others were murdered, were held to the grand jury Thursday as gunmen.

Altogether, police took 423 prisoners Wednesday, bringing their "crime drive" total for five days to more than 2500; but the seven found in the dingy second floor restaurant were regarded by police as far the most important of all.

In presenting them at Wednesday night's "show up" at which suspects are paraded across a small stage before the victims of recent crimes, Chief of Detectives Egan said:

"Their names would grace a penitentiary roster of a hangman's warrant. They are of the O'Donnell gang."

Two of them were O'Donnell brothers, Myles and Bernard. (There is a third and better known O'Donnell, called "Klondyke"). There was "Three-Fingered Jack" White, once convicted of murder; George (Red) Barker, known as a labor terrorist and once charged with murder; Mike Quirk, Edward Sirnek and John O'Connor.

With the seven was arrested Frank Lacey, concerning whom police have no previous information.

CHICAGO'S 14TH
BOMB REPORTED

Chicago, (AP)—The 14th bomb of the year exploded early Thursday in the Elston Avenue factory district, doing \$20,000 damage to the Right Welding and Boiler Repairing company plant and nearby structures.

On January 28 last a bomb exploded at the front of the Central Paper Stock company next door to the welding concern. Police believe Thursday's bomb was planted in the front doorway of the welding company building by mistake, the paper stock company being the intended victim.

RECEIVERSHIP FOR
FOX INEVITABLE

New York (AP)—Attorneys representing Halsey, Stuart and Co., and the Electric Research Products corporation, large creditors of the Fox Film corporation, Thursday notified Federal Judge Coleman that they were opposed to the recapitalization plan submitted by Mr. Fox in behalf of a new banking syndicate headed by Lehman Bros., whereupon Judge Coleman announced he was convinced that a receivership was inevitable.

Good Evening!

Sips for Supper
By DON UPJOHN

Only a short time left to get our valentines, girls. Don't delay too long and be sorry ever after.

We are going to tell this on Monday. It came to us through Honest Jake Fuhrer so the presumption is it is correct. The other day one of the girls in Ladd & Bush bank was working on the combination to open a safe. Chester Cox went by and accidentally brushed against her. "Why Mr. Cox," said the young lady, "Just look what you did! You made me lose my combination."

Chester didn't even look but fled.

Newell Williams came out of his shell yesterday and suggested in the light of the heroic jumping done from an eight story building on fire in the east, that now Williamette university police school was such a success a school for jumpers be inaugurated there.

Good idea Newell. There are plenty of jumpers around here. We saw them advertised for sale in a local department store as low as 69 cents.

Now that we got through Lincoln's birthday successfully we have made a resolution not to tell a lie all day on Washington's birthday. We figure maybe we can worry through one day in the year.

While the good ladies of the W. C. T. U. are worrying themselves over remarks dropped by Mayor Lively about prohibition and how we want to remind them this is the same Tom Lively who donated many thousands to the Y. M. C. A. And he has been talking there numerous times. Nobody ever heard him passing any resolutions about what was talked at the building toward which he contributed such a big slice.

Incidentally, while the good ladies are roasting Mayor Tom folks might compare Tom's building with the W. C. T. U. building and see which makes the most unimpressive impression for the town.

We think the chamber of commerce should take some steps about the university boys throwing apple cores at Mr. Schissler of the state college at a college ball game. It shows a decadent age when pop bottles are replaced by apple cores and Mr. Stols' industry is ignored.

TO OUR CRITICS
We are glad to reprint the following from the Corvallis Gazette-Times as it speaks our often thought but seldom spoke sentiments:

"Every now and then a blind pig picks up an acorn. A client writes: '... Not that I want a columnist's job. No, thank you. Doing 24 inches every day would be a fine prelude to a sojourn in a sanatorium. That is why I snicker when some of my talented friends criticise you fellows. I really don't know how you do it. Saying a funny crack once a week. As for me, I average two a year. Like, for instance, in discussing certain of the intelligentsia six months ago, I said, 'They wear their art on their sleeves. You'll be silent for a few months because of the strain.'"

PETITIONS SEEK
RECALL OF BAKER

Portland, (AP)—Members of the Citizens' Recall League Thursday were preparing to circulate petitions for the recall of Mayor Geo. L. Baker and four city commissioners. Hugh C. Krum, executive secretary of the league, said if the necessary 20,000 names are obtained by the circulators the recall will be submitted to the voters at the May primary.

The four city commissioners are John M. Mann, C. A. Bigelow, A. L. Barber and S. C. Pier. Mayor Baker, as commissioner of public safety, completes the city's governing board.

Hughes Drew Up
Proposed Contract
For Muscle Shoals

Washington (AP)—Testimony that Charles Evans Hughes, whose confirmation as chief justice of the United States is before the senate, drew up the proposed contract

whereby Muscle Shoals would be turned over to the American Cynamid company, was presented Thursday to the senate lobby committee.

Legislation is before congress to accept the Cynamid company's bid for the Shoals power and nitrate plant.

Washington (AP)—Chairman Norris of the senate judiciary committee gave notice to the senate

WOMEN ASK
FOR REPEAL OF
DRY STATUTE

Group Demands That Prohibition be Placed Before Voters

Declare Dry Law Has Failed in its Purpose, Made Matters Worse

Washington (AP)—A group of outspoken women demanded of congress Thursday that prohibition be placed squarely before the voters of the nation and that the count of the ballot boxes decide whether America shall continue dry.

One after another they appeared before the house judiciary committee and urged that the Norton resolution to authorize a referendum on the question be approved. They backed up this appeal with a denunciation of conditions as they exist today and argued that a decade of the dry statute had produced a situation the voters themselves should be called upon to settle.

It was the second day's session of the hearing started by the committee on a batch of measures asking either outright repeal of the 18th amendment or a referendum on the question. The first witness

10 CHILDREN
ARE INJURED
BY EXPLOSION

New York (AP)—Ten school children were rushed to hospitals suffering from cuts and bruises and some of 40 or 50 others suffered slight injuries Thursday as the result of an explosion which wrecked a nearby one-story brick building and shattered windows in public school 83, at Bergen street and Schenectady avenue, Brooklyn.

At one of the hospitals it was said the condition of two of the children was critical.

The blast, heard over a wide area, caused rumors to spread that a bomb had exploded at the school and a crowd, estimated by police at 5,000 including many parents, swarmed to the building.

Some of the excited parents managed to slip past police reserves and into the building frantically shouting the names of their children, but by that time all of the children had been led from the school rooms.

The explosion occurred in a one-story brick building directly across the street from a new wing of the school building. The force of the blast demolished the one-story building and shattered all the glass and ripped out the woodwork of the windows on the Dean street side of the school.

There were some 2,000 children in the school at the time of the explosion, about 900 of them on the Dean street side of the building.

Approximately half of the 900 were in the assembly, the remainder having gone to their classrooms.

Maurice Garfinkel, principal of the school, was in the basement and attempted to turn in a fire alarm, but found that the alarm device had been put out of order, presumably by the explosion. He then hurried through the building and the pupils were quickly assembled and led in orderly procession to the street.

Some of the injured children, however, were unable to march out with their companions. Rescuers, attracted by their cries, carried them out.

Prison Term
For Bringing
Dope to Jail

Portland (AP)—Melvin Green, convicted last month of a narcotics violation, was sentenced Thursday to 13 months in McNeil island prison. Green took a package to a prisoner in Salem which was found to contain a drug. Green gave his right name and address and said he did not know the package contained a drug.

Melvin Green was apprehended by federal narcotics operatives in

LONG CONFERS
WITH CHIEFS OF
3 RAILROADS

San Francisco (AP)—Conference in railroad circles as to the purpose of the conference now being held between R. A. Long, chairman of the board of the Long Bell Lumber company, and three railroad officials, had taken another turn Thursday.

In the face of the continued silence of principals, the report was circulated that Long was meeting with Presidents Ralph Budd of the Great Northern, Carl Gray of the Union Pacific and Charles Donnelly of the Northern Pacific to discuss the purchase by the three roads of the Longview, Portland and Northern railway.

Long Bell authorities were first reported several months ago as anxious to sell the short line, originally constructed to serve the company's timber interests at Longview, Wash.

Twenty-one miles of the line are already traversed by the three roads under operating rights.

Long, asked by United Press to confirm or deny another report of financial circles, to the effect that the meeting was arranged primarily to discuss a gigantic merger of Pacific northwest lumber interests, again declined to make a definite statement.

"I have only this to say," he commented. "The matter of a combination or several combinations of Pacific northwest lumber interests has been a recurrent question for several months."

Rumors in circulation that the Long Bell and Weyerhaeuser interests plan a fusion I feel positive are unfounded. Other versions, prophesying larger mergers, range from "premature" to "absurd."

"Whatever was done in the way of merger negotiations is of altogether too preliminary a nature to be discussed."

BOK AWARD IS
GIVEN CONNIE

Philadelphia (AP)—An award which has been received by distinguished educators, artists and industrialists rested Thursday with a man whose name is known to millions who never heard of his previous recipients.

The man is Connie Mack—or more properly, Cornelius McGillicuddy—manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, who brought the world's baseball championship back to this city last year.

The prize is the \$10,000 Philadelphia award, established by the late Edward W. Bok to be given annually to the resident "who, during the previous calendar year, shall have performed or brought to its culmination an act, or contributed a service, calculated to advance the best and largest interests of Philadelphia."

SLEET STORM BREAKS
WIRES AT OLYMPIA

Olympia, Wash. (AP)—Telephone communications were seriously affected by a snow and sleet storm that broke over Olympia and Thurston county Wednesday night.

Between 250 and 300 local telephones were put out of order and two long distance toll circuits out of Olympia were broken. It was not a total failure of communications, the local office of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company said.

One overhead cable was broken when a 2500-volt power line fell across and burned the cable line.

Three inches of snow fell overnight but warm temperatures and rain Thursday morning were melting the snow fast.

EXTREMES IN WEATHER

Great Falls, Mont. (AP)—Montana's reputation for freakish weather and wide ranges in temperature was maintained the other day when Livingston reported comparatively warm weather of 44 degrees above zero while Saco shivered under a wintry blast that dropped the mercury to 30 below zero.

JAPAN AGREES
TO HOLIDAY IN
CAPITAL SHIPS

Willing to Halt Battleship Building Until 1936 to Reduce Tonnage

Wishes to Maintain Minimum Force of Cruisers for Defense

London (AP)—The French delegation, in a statement issued late Thursday defining its position at the present conference announced its willingness to accept a naval program running from 1930 until 1936, establishing a fleet by December 31, 1936, aggregating 727,479 English tons.

London (AP)—The Japanese delegation in a statement, given out Thursday afternoon, declared that Japan was ready to accept a holiday in battleship construction until 1936 to reduce the tonnage of battleships to 25,000 tons and to reduce the maximum caliber of guns to 14 inches.

The statement, which had been eagerly awaited in view of the British and American announcement of naval aims, said that Japan also was ready to agree to the prolongation of the life of the battleships from twenty to twenty-six years.

Japan attaches special importance to cruisers armed with 8-inch guns and wishes to maintain "the minimum force sufficient for the needs of national defense taking into consideration the forces possessed by other powers."

The maximum tonnage of six inch gun cruisers should be from 7000 to

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M'KELVIE TELLS
WASCO GROWERS
OF FARM BOARD

The Dalles, Ore. (AP)—The farmers' national grain corporation cannot get the price of wheat, but it can assist the farmer to get the best possible price for his commodity that he could get in the open market, Samuel R. McKelvie of the federal farm board told three hundred farmers here Thursday.

McKelvie recited the four major purposes of the farm board in its dealings with all agricultural commodities: 1. elimination of speculation, 2. elimination of waste, 3. assistance to farmer co-operatives, and 4. aid in preventing surpluses.

In discussing the elimination of speculation, the speaker pointed out the sympathetic drop in wheat market with the stock market crash, and the fact that the decline stopped on October 26, when the farm board, through the national grain corporation, offered a loan to stop the fluctuation.

The national grain corporation can be of infinite value by bringing to the farmer the same organization in buying that the speculative dealer has, it was claimed. McKelvie recited instances of incorrect information given out by buyers to the detriment of grain prices.

ASK FREEDOM
FOR PANTAGES

Los Angeles (AP)—The district court of appeals was asked Thursday to rescue Alexander Pantages, convicted of an assault on 17 year old Eunice Pringle, "before the hand of death prevents him from further appeal."

Attorneys for the wealthy theater man, seeking his freedom from jail on bail pending the result of his motion for a new trial, told the appellate court that he was critically ill and that continued incarceration meant death.

"I am appealing to your honor," Leconte Davis, head of Pantages' counsel, said in closing his argument, "to rescue this man before the hand of death prevents him from further appeal."

After Davis finished his talk attorneys for the state opened their arguments.

25 ARE KILLED

Roskov-On-Don, U. S. S. R. (AP)—Twenty-eight persons were killed and sixteen others injured seriously in an explosion at the state grain mill here last Monday. The casualties were officially announced only Thursday.

Action Necessary
To Secure Relief
From Water Ills

By HARRY N. CRAIN

More action toward purchase of the local plant of the Oregon-Washington Water Service company and less academic theorizing as to the practicability of municipal ownership and operation from a financial standpoint are in order right now if the people of Salem are to secure relief from the exorbitant rates and unjust practices of the company in the near future.

That the city can take over and operate the plant and make it self-sustaining is not questioned by anyone who has studied the history of publicly owned systems in a score of other cities of the size of Salem, which have not only financed the purchase of the plants, operating expenses and extensions and betterments out of revenues, but also have reduced charges to levels considerably lower than prevail here in the face of greater proportionate operating expenses.

Whatever theoretical arguments might be advanced in favor of private ownership have been unanswerably refuted by the manner in

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FRED GIFFORD
GOT RELEASE
OF PRISONER

Portland (AP)—Chief of Police L. V. Jenkins took a prisoner out of the county jail at the request of Fred L. Gifford, it was announced Thursday at the police station, court house and city hall.

The prisoner, Mike Relich, who had been serving six months jail sentence in addition to which he was fined \$500 on a booze charge, was re-arrested in an alleged moonshining Wednesday by federal agents, who up to the time of the raid believed him in jail.

Jenkins said Gifford professed that he wanted to get the man out of jail so he could "raise money to pay his fine," three days after the man was sentenced. Jenkins claims that he told Gifford that Municipal Judge Tomlinson would have to agree to an order of release, and that a few minutes later Gifford returned and said it was "all right with the judge," whereupon Jenkins sent an officer to the county jail and turned Relich over to Gifford.

That occurred January 6. Until Wednesday nothing more had been heard of Relich.

Gifford denied that he told Jenkins that Judge Tomlinson approved. Mayor George L. Baker said it was a case of "misplaced confidence."

Sheriff T. M. Hurlbut announced that in the future no prisoners will be released to the police without written orders from a municipal judge.

RUTH SHOOT
RATTLESNAKE

St. Petersburg, Fla. (AP)—Babe Ruth cut a quail hunting trip short Wednesday after he came within a few inches of being attacked by a rattlesnake 80 miles north of here.

Ruth, Benny Bengough, catcher; George Pipgras, pitcher, and Johnny New, scout of the New York Yankees, had bagged an even dozen quail when Ruth stepped within striking distance of the coiled rattler.

Babe heard the snake's warning, but before he could get out of range, Pipgras' bound dog jumped at the reptile as it struck at Babe, and received the snake's fangs in its leg.

Whirling around as he leaped, Ruth fired, blowing off the snake's head.

Pipgras treated the dog's wound with anti-snake bite serum.

SPANISH DANCER
WINS \$17,000 SUIT

Los Angeles, Calif. (AP)—Damages of \$17,000, the full amount allowed by court, were awarded to Dolores Salazar, Spanish dancer, by a superior court jury of five men and seven women Thursday. They were less than two hours in returning the judgment against Ferdinand Pinney Earle, artist, whom the dancer charged with breach of a prenuptial agreement to settle \$15,000 upon her.

OUTCOME OF
SENATE FIGHT
IS DOUBTFUL

Walsh, Glass, Nye and Others Join in Opposing Confirmation

Fight Turns Directly Upon Majority Now Controlling Court

Washington (AP)—The opposition to Charles Evans Hughes' nomination as chief justice continued to gather strength in the senate Thursday in such a fashion that for the first time since debate began three days ago there was some doubt that he could ultimately be confirmed.

While the opposition has not yet attained a majority and Republican Floor Leader Watson again expressed confidence that he could keep his vote, the United Press learned that Senator Thomas J. Walsh, Democrat, Montana, one of the outstanding constitutional lawyers of the senate, has decided to join the opposition. Walsh voted for Hughes in committee.

Walsh said privately that Hughes once had changed his mind about an important proposition and that he thought he, too, would do so. Because of his legal standing, Walsh was expected by the opposition leaders to carry several votes with him. If he does, the strength

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65 POUND FISH
HOOKED, LANDED
BY MRS. STONE

Long Key, Fla. (AP)—President Hoover invaded the gulf stream Thursday, determined to deplete the ranks of finny inhabitants of southern Florida's most prolific fishing grounds.

The chief executive was a victim of old time "fisherman's luck" Wednesday. He returned empty-handed from a long afternoon's effort.

That the president is enjoying his trip was repeated again Thursday by members of the party. He remained at the fishing grounds until long after dark Wednesday night to allow Mrs. Harlan P. Stone, wife of Associate Justice Stone, to land her 65-pound sail fish.

The chief executive has kept in close touch with the London naval conference, receiving each night, a report of developments from his naval aide, Captain Allen Buchanan. His reports are received over the direct White House telephone at the dock here, and are sent out to the Southerner on one of the fleet little express boats that ply between the houseboat and the dock.

CONTRACTORS TO
HOLD CONVENTION

Portland, Ore. (AP)—Legislative needs of the construction industry, improvements of the Oregon compensation insurance act, highway programs and the current study of the Columbia river by the war department will be discussed by delegates to the annual convention of the northwest branch of Associated Contractors of America here Friday and Saturday.

The convention will be opened Friday morning with O. J. Amberg, Spokane, president of the northwest branch, presiding. Officers of the organization from California, other cities in Washington, Idaho and Montana will attend.

Huge Landslide
Blocks Railroad and
Highway to Detroit

The town of Detroit, about 60 miles east of here in Marion county, and Breitenbush Hot Springs, widely known mountain summer resort, are cut off from the outside world

by a huge slide which came down the mountain some time during the night Tuesday and covered both the highway and the railroad tracks of the Hammond Lumber company logging road into Detroit. Mail and passenger stage service is completely closed and the only communication the mountain communities have with the outside world is a single strand of telephone wire.

All day Wednesday Roadmaster J. R. Bewley of the Detroit road district was trying to get word out on this single strand of wire of the plight of the communities but succeeded only Thursday morning when he got in touch with Roadmaster Johnson and reported what had happened.

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