

THE WEATHER HERE

MOSTLY CLOUDY, scattered light showers tonight. Fairly cloudy Thursday, little temperature change. Lowest tonight, 52; highest Thursday, 76.

Maximum yesterday, 77; minimum today, 49. Total 24-hour precipitation: 0.1. For month (1941 normal, .29. Season precipitation, 42.29; normal, 31.63. Silver height, .3-1 feet. (Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.)

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Opponents Drop Referendum on Baldock Plan

Time too Short for Circulation and Filing Of Petition Says Jones

By STEPHEN A. STONE The last obstacle to actual accomplishment of the Baldock plan was removed Wednesday. That obstacle was the threat of a referendum against the plan that was adopted by the city council Monday night.

Clayton W. Jones, business man at 1145 South Commercial street, most active leader of the opposition to the plan, stated definitely that referendum petitions would not be circulated.

Held Impossibility "It is a physical impossibility to use the referendum on this issue," Jones said, "just as Alderman O'Hara said Monday night. We would have only 15 days in which to file the petitions after action by the council, and the city recorder would have five days out of that for checking the signatures. That would cut us to 10 days, and with the time needed to prepare petitions, etc., the time probably would be cut to little more than a week."

About 1500 qualified names on the petitions would be necessary, but because of signers who might be disqualified by the city recorder's check, it would be necessary for the names to exceed that number by several hundred.

O'Hara Stated Case Alderman O'Hara, who was one of the three voting against the Baldock plan, told the city council Monday night that to leave the three ordinances open to referendum was only an "empty gesture" because of the time element. O'Hara said that made it practically impossible to invoke the referendum against any council enactment, and that it had not been done since 1930.

The time is fixed by a city ordinance enacted many years ago. Commenting on it Wednesday, O'Hara said an opinion of the state supreme court in the case of Henderson vs. the City of Salem held that the filing of a referendum petition isn't complete until the names have been certified by the recorder, which would have the effect of deducting as much as five days from the 15.

600 Off Rural Mail Routes Beginning September 1 or immediately thereafter, some 600 families will be taken off rural mail routes and placed under the "mounted" (auto) system of delivery, according to announcement Wednesday by Postmaster Albert C. Graag. The transfer has been made partially effective and in a half dozen instances the "mounted" men have already taken over the chore of supplying certain sections.

The change over, for the most part is being made in the environs of the city where there has been rapid development of subdivisions in recent years. It does not mean that those families that are removed from rural routes will have deliveries at their doors but does mean they will receive their mail once daily in receptacles placed at the curb in front of their property or nearby. The "mounted" men will make their deliveries by automobile instead of on foot as is the case in the city proper. The system has been in effect for a number of years and is adopted in those districts where named streets have been laid out and where numbers are used to identify the residences. The patron must provide a receptacle mounted on a post placed for the convenience of the deliveryman.

Three additional "mounted" men will be added to the force to handle the load, although there will be no reduction in rural carriers. In each instance the patron involved in the change over will be notified in writing of his change in address and all new addresses will be listed in the Polk directory which will be printed this fall or winter.

The streets which will be involved in the change over in early September include: Hayesville road, Englewood avenue, Rawlins avenue and 34th street, Illinois street, Oregon street, Ilwaco, Doughton and Vista loop, Morningside, Peck and Madrona loop, Pioneer drive and Scenic View drive.

Truman Signs Atlantic Pact Proclamation

Defense Alliance of 12 Nations Goes Into Effect on Signature

Washington, Aug. 24 (AP)—The 12-nation Atlantic pact binding North America and Western Europe in a common defense alliance went into force today.

The historic moment came at 11:42 a.m. (EST) when President Truman signed a proclamation declaring the treaty to be in effect.

Top-ranking officials of this country and most of the 11 other pact nations witnessed the signing at a White House ceremony.

Although the alliance was formally formed under the threat of Russian aggression, Mr. Truman said in a statement "no nation need fear the results" of the cooperation of the western Powers.

Truman's Remarks "This is a momentous occasion not only for all the signatories of the treaty," Mr. Truman said, "but for all peoples who share our profound desire for stability and peaceful development."

"By this treaty we are not only seeking to establish freedom from aggression and for the use of force in the North Atlantic community but we are also actively striving to promote and preserve peace throughout the world." (Concluded on Page 5, Column 5)

Start Work on Elkhorn Road

A county road crew started Wednesday on the long sought improvement of the county road over the hill between Gates and Elkhorn, two miles up and two miles down over the mountain. The steep side is from the ridge down into the Elkhorn road. The two-mile post is exactly at the top of the hill making a four-mile improvement exactly two miles in each direction.

County Commissioner Roy Rice said that in addition to graveling and grading the road the crew also will ditch it which, he said, is one of the important faces. A crown will be raised, he said, so as to carry the water into the ditches. One of the reasons for the old narrow road being impassible in the rainy season is the fact that there was no ditching and it was flat, and with the steep grades the water rushed down the roadway tearing holes into it. This is expected to be avoided by the crown and ditches.

A bulldozer, trucks and grader went up to the works Wednesday morning and another bulldozer is due in the afternoon so as to rush the improvement through. On the steeper Elkhorn side grades are around 10 to 11 per cent, it is estimated, and it is expected gravel will be hauled up from the Gates side and distributed on the Elkhorn side going down hill as it would be very difficult to haul it and spread it on the upgrade. Among other improvements made will be smoothing out some of the sharp corners and widening in places.

Office Building Site Selection Postponed

By JAMES D. OLSON Desire for further negotiations with several property owners in Portland by members of the board of control at an adjourned meeting Tuesday, again delayed selection of a site for the proposed \$1,500,000 state office building in the metropolis.

State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson objected to further delay, declaring that he was ready to vote for both a site and on the selection of an architect.

However, Governor McKay and Secretary of State Newby held out for a week's delay during which time Roy Mills, secretary of the board will carry on negotiations with the property owners.

Sharp division of opinion exists between east and west side residents and business men and delegations from both camps have appeared before the board many times during the past three years.

The board members have held two executive sessions to argue



"It's a Good Little Book," Says President—President Truman (left), after his arrival at the National Airport, Washington, D. C., from Miami, shows Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson a pamphlet titled "How to Break into Politics." The president said he had been studying the book but "what I want to know is how to break out of politics." (AP Wirephoto)

McKay Declines Debate With Flegel Over CVA

Governor Douglas McKay has declined the invitation of State Senator Austin F. Flegel, Multnomah county democrat, to participate in a debate over the proposed Columbia Valley Authority.

The governor, at the same time, reviewed his plea that the CVA issue be decided by a vote of the people of the region.

In a letter to Senator Flegel the governor said that he was in hearty accord with the senator's statement that the CVA proposal deserves fullest discussion before the public.

However, he said "this issue is of too great importance to be treated as a political football in the forthcoming campaign."

"There can be no doubt in anyone's mind as to where I stand on this issue," the governor continued. "I have met the issue squarely, as I intend to meet all issues in which the welfare of the state is involved."

The governor pointed out to Flegel that doubtless there were many people in the state that would gladly debate the issue, adding that the duties of his office give him no time for such a debate.

He concluded his letter with a plea that the issue be submitted to a vote by the people of the proposed district.

"This seems to me to be the American way of settling such a problem," the governor said.

Chiang Flying To Chungking

Canton, Aug. 24 (AP)—Chiang Kai-Shek today flew to Chungking in an apparent attempt to foil any secret agreements between warlords of Szechwan and the communists.

Chiang's flight apparently was one of great urgency. He postponed a meeting of the Kuomintang party's emergency council to make it.

Szechwan's warlords are known to be eager to keep their fences mended at all times. They have been at odds with Chang Chun, commander of the nationalists in southwest China. His jurisdiction embraces the provinces of Szechwan, Kweichow, Yunnan and Sikang.

Rumors here are current that Chang wishes to resign. Chiang, these rumors say, wishes to prevent this.

State Righters Of South Purged By Democrats

Members of 4 States Ousted; Boyle Elected National Chairman

Washington, Aug. 24 (AP)—The democratic national committee today ousted states rights members from Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina.

As expected, William M. Boyle, Jr., was elected national chairman, succeeding Senator J. Howard McGrath (D., R.I.).

The committee, involved in a hot, long-standing family row over the desertion last year of states righters, shouted its approval of recommendations for punishment handed down by a credentials committee.

The party purge was executed by voice vote. The committee decided, also by voice vote, to retain Wright Morrow as Texas national committeeman. The credentials committee proposed unseating him.

The national committee went along with only half of a South Carolina compromise. It made sure in the process that the name of Gov. J. Strom Thurmond, the states rights presidential candidate, came off its membership rolls.

Senator Burnet Maybank was approved in his place. The compromise worked out in South Carolina had called for retention of Mrs. Anne A. Agnew as national committeewoman.

Mrs. Agnew says she voted for the democratic ticket in 1948 although she was inactive in the campaign. But the credentials committee accused her of letting her name be used by "another political party."

Maybank jumped to his feet to remind the national committee that he was elected by the South Carolina state executive committee on condition that Mrs. Agnew be kept on as committeewoman.

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Green May Be Legion Chief

Philadelphia, Aug. 24 (AP)—A veteran of World War II may be named national commander of the American Legion at the organization's 31st annual convention here next week.

Four of the six candidates for the post are World War II veterans. Three opened campaign offices yesterday for the election to take place Sept. 1.

A Legion spokesman said national chieftains are ready to transfer the command to 32-year-old James F. Green, of Omaha, Neb. Green was defeated for national commander a year ago by Perry Brown, Beaumont, Texas.

Green's principal opponents are expected to be George M. Craig, Brazil, Ind., lawyer, and Erle Coker, Jr., 28-year-old commander of the Department of Georgia.

Donald R. Wilson, partner in Defense Secretary Louis Johnson's law office, is the fourth World War II veteran with his hat in the Legion ring. He is from Clarksburg, W. Va.

The World War I candidates are Arthur J. Connell, Legion national committeeman from Connecticut, and James F. Daniel, Greenville, S. C.

U.S. Armed Services to Slash 135,000 Civilian Employees

Feldman Denies Asking Hunt to Make Contacts

Washington, Aug. 24 (AP)—Senate investigators today confronted Maj. Gen. Herman Feldman with passages from a diary of James V. Hunt saying Feldman asked Hunt in 1948 to get in touch with "contacts" in congress about retirement legislation for army officers.

Shifting in the witness chair, Feldman admitted talking with Hunt about the matter but flatly denied asking Hunt to contact anyone on Capitol Hill. There is a law against lobbying by army officers.

Feldman, suspended quartermaster general of the army, was on the witness stand for the second day at the senate inquiry into whether improper influence has figured in the handling of government business.

Admits Posting Hunt The special subcommittee conducting the investigation questioned Feldman at length regarding his relations with Hunt.

Other witnesses have testified that Hunt, who describes himself as a management consultant, boasted of an inside track to the White House through friendship with Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan, Vaughan is President Truman's military aide.

Feldman acknowledged to the senators yesterday that he had given Hunt information on army buying plans, but he declared it was not really confidential information although he wrote Hunt a letter asking him to keep it in confidence.

Ignorant of Hunt's Business Feldman declared, too, that he had no knowledge that Hunt was a "so-called five percenter." This is a term applied to persons who charge a fee, usually five percent of the proceeds, for help in seeking government contracts for others.

Senator McCarthy (R., Wis.) said Feldman must have known Hunt was a five percenter.

"I certainly did not," Feldman insisted. "I definitely did not. And I am not unmindful that I am under oath. Had I known that he was, Mr. Hunt never would have come into my office."

Feldman testified also that the army had decided to halt a sale of government-owned insecticide bombs long before Hunt got into that case and picked up a \$5000 fee.

So far as he recalls, Feldman said, the interest of the Cyclic Chemical Co., Washington, in the matter "never came to my attention."

Major Testifies Joe F. Major, who said Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan got him his government job, told the senate's "five percenter" investigators today that:

1. He obtained appointments for two businessmen—strictly at their request—with James V. Hunt, Washington management consultant.

2. John Maragon had consulted him a number of times at the war assets administration on behalf of clients who wanted to buy goods from the government.

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Johnson's Order Brings Protest From Congress

Washington, Aug. 24 (AP)—Secretary of Defense Johnson announced today the armed forces will chop off 135,000 civilian jobs in his drive to slash military spending.

Anguished cries came quickly from congressmen whose home districts were hit by the proposed cutbacks. There were suggestions that the armed forces instead, weed out "soft snaps, flunky positions and baby sitters."

Johnson told a gathering of the lawmakers at the Pentagon that the economy program is aimed at getting "a dollar's worth of defense for every dollar congress gives."

"It goes back to my conviction not to tolerate a defense WPA," Johnson declared.

Senator Pepper (D.-Fla.) agreed there shouldn't be a defense WPA but he said he doesn't "want to see a WPA elsewhere." He told Johnson that not only are 135,000 breadwinners losing their jobs "but the grocery store on the corner, the landlords and merchants will be affected too."

Cutbacks at individual installations drew sharp protests from Republican Senator Knowland and Democratic Rep. Doyle of California, Rep. Sikes (D.-Fla.) and others.

But Johnson also got support. Senator Ferguson (R.-Mich.) said he agrees fully with the move.

Time to Call Halt "It is time," Ferguson added, "to call a halt in military spending." Senator Hunt (R.-Wyo.), and Rep. Boykin (D.-Ala.) also expressed approval.

Navy installations were the hardest hit in the civilian cut. They were ordered to reduce by 76,000, the army by 41,000 and air force 18,000.

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Worth Admits Wrote B-36 Note

Washington, Aug. 24 (AP)—Cedric R. Worth, special assistant to the undersecretary of the navy, acknowledged today that he wrote the "mysterious document" that brought on the investigation of the B-36 bomber.

"I wrote it," Worth testified when Chairman Vinson (D., Ga.) called him before the house armed services committee in the inquiry.

The writer's identity came out quickly after the committee's counsel had threatened to resign unless the author of the document was named immediately.

Washington, Aug. 24 (AP)—Cedric Worth was suspended as a special assistant to the undersecretary of the navy today, a few hours after he testified he was the author of an anonymous document that set off the B-36 bomber investigation.

Secretary of the Navy Matthews announced: "It has just been brought to my attention that Mr. Cedric Worth, who has been employed as a civilian special assistant in the navy department since November 21, 1946, this morning testified under oath before the armed services committee of the house of representatives that he is the writer of the anonymous document recently introduced in evidence during the B-36 hearing now in progress before that committee."

"In view of this disclosure, Mr. Worth has been suspended from his present civilian employment pending further investigation."

House Votes to Take Holiday Senate Balks

Washington, Aug. 24 (AP)—The house voted today to take a 25-day holiday, starting Friday and ending at noon Sept. 21.

There were only a few scattered and laughing "noes" as the recess resolution shot through on a voice vote.

It now goes to the senate, which must approve it before the house can officially start its vacation.

Washington, Aug. 24 (AP)—The senate refused today to give its consent to a proposed 25-day house vacation.

The senate action will not force all house members to remain in Washington.

Under congressional rules, the house will have to meet every three days.

But with advance agreement to transact no business, the chamber need not have any set number of members on hand.

Forest Fires Still Out of Control (By the Associated Press) Fast-moving fires whiplashed new areas of the nation's forests today.

Flames were reported out of control in at least three states. In other areas fires were still burning but had been checked.

Fire has blackened more than 40,000 acres of national forest lands in Idaho, California and Montana alone so far this month. The fire conditions are considered the most critical in the past decade.

In Idaho's national forests, an aerial survey showed fires had gained 2,000 acres in the last two days. The flames have blackened 17,000 acres in the state.

3 Records Made at Bonneville-Coulee

Seattle, Aug. 24 (AP)—Three records were set at Bonneville and Grand Coulee dams last week.

On Aug. 17, the Coulee powerhouse generated 30,758,000 kilowatt hours. The next day, Bonneville and Coulee powerhouses together produced 42,694,000 kilowatt hours. On Aug. 20 during a 60-minute peak period, the two together carried 1,923,000 kilowatts of continuous load.



Car and Garage Damaged—Pictured here is damage caused to car and garage of W. S. Brown, 1840 North Summer street, caused by car getting out of control as Mr. Brown drove into the Garage Monday night. His foot slipped off the brake pedal and hit the foot throttle, causing the car to lunge out of control. Before hitting the garage wall the car collided with a lawn swing and the house. The man in the picture is not Brown, but a man from a service garage.