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FAIR TONIGHT, Saturday, except for early morning fog patches. Slightly warmer daytime temperatures. Lowest tonight, 50; highest Saturday, 82.

Maximum yesterday, 78; minimum today, 46. Total 24-hour precipitation: 0; for month: .38; normal: .31. Season precipitation, 47.55; normal: 37.68. River height, 2.5 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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Quitclaim Deed Finis for Rosy Railroad Dream

Hogg's Right-o-way To Sink Beneath Detroit Reservoir

By DON UPJOHN Recording of a quit claim deed in the office of County Recorder Herman Lanke marks the fadeout of a rosy dream—a dream which would have made Newport in this state the great seaport of the North Pacific and terminus of a transcontinental railroad line, linking by a ribbon of steel Yaquina bay with the Union Pacific at Boise, Idaho. Final interment for the dream will come up when in two or three years a section of the Mill City branch of the Southern Pacific sinks beneath the waters of the immense Detroit reservoir.

The quit claim deed is from the Southern Pacific railroad company to the United States of America and covers that 20-mile section of railroad line between Gates and Idanha most of it marked for extinction by the construction of the Detroit dam. The deed shows revenue stamps totaling \$454.85 or representing a consideration paid by the government to the railroad company of approximately \$413,500. Bought by Harriman

When E. H. Harriman in 1907 bought the bankrupt Corvallis & Eastern's 143 miles of line from the coast to a point near the summit of the Cascade mountains he paid \$750,000 for all the assets and then conveyed them to the Southern Pacific company which has owned them ever since. And if rumor is correct it was an expensive buy as far as profits have been concerned.

The dream of the great transcontinental line which was to have made Newport the seaport queen of the Pacific Northwest arose in the mind of one Col. T. Egerton Hogg back in 1871 and stirred the state for the next 20 years. The road was built from the sea to the near summit of the Cascades between 1878 and 1889 at a cost of \$4,250,000 paid out of a \$15,000,000 bond issue. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 5)

\$668 Million For Power Line

Washington, Aug. 26 (AP) — Funds were assured today for the most extensive program of government power line construction ever approved by congress.

Passing a \$668,000,000 Interior department appropriation bill yesterday, the senate okayed money for transmission lines to distribute power from government hydro-electric dams in the southwest, northwest, California and the Rocky Mountain area.

The house already had approved the administration's entire public power program, with the exception of the Shelby transmission line for the Fort Peck project in Montana.

The senate approved even this line as the last step in a crushing defeat of its appropriations committee.

The committee had deleted most of the transmission line items in the house-passed bill, recommending instead the negotiation of contracts with private power companies to transmit government power over their lines.

Final passage of the bill will await the return of house members from a vacation late in September.

Meanwhile, differences between the house and senate versions will be ironed out in conference. But the bulk of the power items are not in disagreement.

Forest Fires Near Talbot and Hebo

Dallas, Ore., Aug. 26 — Firefighters were called to combat two different blazes over night with one under control and the other extinguished Friday.

Thirty men were sent into the Pope and Talbot holdings when a fire developed Thursday night about 9 o'clock and burned in slash and some fallen timber. An additional crew of 20 men was later dispatched. The fire, though still burning, is under control, the forestry service reports.

The forest service fire fighting equipment was sent into the territory between the Grand Ronde agency and Hebo where a fire was burning in slash and brush near the highway

4-H Club Stock Go on Auction At Fairgrounds

Judging and Showmanship Contests Feature Closing Day

The 14th annual Marion county 4-H club show reaches its climax Friday night at the state fair grounds when at 8 o'clock 60 of the finest in livestock go on the auction block with Ben Suddell of Hubbard as the auctioneer. This Salem Lions club sponsored feature has been a big success at every fair at which it has been staged, returning good profits to the club members for their stock.

Anthol Rhiny, county 4-H club agent, states that this year the animals will be even more desirable for many bidders as they have a number of light type which will cover the objection often made by prospective buyers that the animals have too much meat for their demands. Rhiny says that the 17 hogs will range from 155 to 205 pounds and the 22 steers from 565 to 1145 pounds and that they are in top shape for the sale. Also 21 lambs will be put on the block. The 46 owners have spared no effort to have all of this stock given the finest attention both at the fair and during their raising period. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 8)

Eugene After Baseball Park

Eugene, Aug. 26 (AP) — Personalities involved in a movement to establish a Western International League baseball club here have not been revealed, but the opportunity to secure the Bremerton franchise in the WIL has been definitely made possible for local backers, it was learned here today.

Although the person offering a large tract of land for a park site in the suburban Bethel district, 10 minutes from downtown Eugene, has asked to remain anonymous, there is no doubt regarding the offer of rent-free property to the local club.

Western International League officials have long sought Eugene as a site for a league club and a leader in the present movement is George Emigh, league vice president and currently business manager of the Salem Senators.

It is estimated that the club could be established here at an unusually low expenditure of \$75,000 and that a Portland faction—other than the Portland Beavers—has offered to finance the project. Local baseball men, however, believe the local business men should first be offered the chance to back the club.

Joe Gordon, local hardware merchant and second baseman with the Cleveland Indians, has expressed interest, but has not announced in what capacity he would be willing to be connected with the venture. It has been reported that both Cleveland and the Chicago White Sox would be interested in becoming affiliated with the local club.

State Bureaus Wince Under Budget Control

By JAMES D. OLSON

Several self sustaining departments of the state felt the full force of the new budgetary control law passed by the 1949 legislature, when the state emergency board refused to approve requested expenditures until budgets from these departments had been prepared and recommended by the budget department.

In each case the departments requested authority to spend funds resulting from legislation passed by the legislature. Prior to July 18, 1949, when the new budget control became effective, the departments did not require specific authority from the emergency board for expending of the funds.

After W. E. Kimsey, state labor commissioner, had made a request for authority to expend \$98,878, not included in the department budget, to carry out provisions of the new electrical inspection law State Senator Dean Walker asked Budget Director Harry S. Dorman if his department had any recommendation to make.

"We have not," answered Dorman. "Most of these requests for additional funds have reached our office in the last two weeks



Truman Silent Until Election

Washington, Aug. 26 (AP) — Some of President Truman's closest friends predicted today he won't let it be known until elections whether he will run again.

They agreed he will stump around the country next year to get a congress to back his "fair deal program."

A substantial number of them expressed conviction Mr. Truman's inclination is to leave the White House at the end of his present term in 1952.

All of them conceded they were "guessing" — that they were just as much in the dark as are the people who are not close to the president.

The president himself set off the speculation yesterday.

He hinted—with a smile that might have meant anything—that he won't run in 1952. (He will be 68 on May 8 of that year.)

But then, later, he wouldn't say no, positively, or even probably.

Driver Has Close Call, Collision Damage Heavy

When Bernard McFarland's car collided with a power pole at North Front and Columbia late Thursday the heavy pole was brought to the ground amidst a tangle of wreckage with the butt of the pole on top of the car as shown in top picture, McFarland, below, lay unconscious among hot wires until he was removed by first aid.

Narrow Escape from Electrocutation in Crash

Hot wires, throbbing with 11,000 volts of electricity, lay all around Bernard McFarland Thursday evening as he was stretched unconscious on the pavement at North Front and Columbia.

When McFarland's car got out of control and crashed a power pole of the Portland General Electric company it was almost disastrous. Miraculously it wasn't that bad.

McFarland was hurled from the car and lay in oblivion bleeding profusely from a cut on the face.

The towering pole, twice broken by the impact, toppled to the ground, bringing with it a cross arm, pole switch and two spans of hot wire.

In the north part of the city electric service was out for an hour, and lights blinked in all parts of Salem.

Serious damage was done at the PGE power plant on South Liberty between Trade and Mill, a mile or more from the accident.

Two hours after the accident the disturbance caused the substation at the Salem alumina plant to go out, and a stoppage of service again in that part of the city.

Fred G. Starrett, division manager for the PGE, said the financial damage was unestimated, but would exceed \$2000, besides the damage to McFarland whose car was considerably wrecked.

McFarland said Friday that the steering gear on his car seemed to go wrong, causing the collision. He said he wasn't driving excessively fast. But the pole was snapped off at the butt, and broken in two at another place. When it came to rest the butt was on top of the car and the ruined pole top switch lay on the ground in a tangle of live wires. McFarland was driving alone.

The power could not immediately be cut off because it is fed from the north and not from within this area. Captain C. M. Charlton of first aid said the wires were still alive when his squad arrived, and that firemen were expecting the automobile to get on fire.

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Churchill Recovering Nice, France, Aug. 26 (AP) — A spokesman for Winston Churchill said today he is recovering "very well indeed" from a cold. The 74-year-old wartime prime minister suffered a chill two days ago after swimming in the Mediterranean.

Hurricane Hits Florida Coast From Vero Beach to Miami

Maragon Won't Answer Queries 5 Percent Probe

Washington, Aug. 26 (AP) — John Maragon today refused to answer questions at the senate five percent inquiry "on the ground that my answer might tend to incriminate me."

The Greek-American took the witness chair after an accountant testified that Maragon made bank deposits of \$119,608.61 during a five-year period in which he has said his income was only around \$30,000.

He would not talk, that is, when asked about his financial affairs, or answer many other questions.

But he did say "yes" when Senator Mundt (R., S. D.) asked: "Do you know Harry Vaughan?" He referred to Maj. Gen. Vaughan, President Truman's army aide.

Silent on Vaughan Mundt then wanted to know whether Maragon had ever been "associated" with Vaughan in "any activities."

"I refuse to answer on grounds that my answer might tend to incriminate me," Maragon replied.

Mundt said that answer left the "implication that you and Vaughan have been engaged in activities that are incriminating."

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Submarine Lost With 7 Aboard

Washington, Aug. 26 (AP) — Seven persons lost their lives early today when the Snorkel-equipped submarine Cochino was lost while on a training cruise in Arctic waters.

Announcement of the loss was made by the navy here.

An explosion in the battery room and fire destroyed the submarine.

An undetermined number of the crew were rescued.

In its first announcement the navy listed the following as missing:

Lt. (J. G.) William Hanley Shafter, Jr., Stamford, Conn.

Melvin Buck Henneberger, J.R., Gloucester City, N. J.

James Robert Miller, Liberty, Mo.

Robert Lee Pinney, Sturgis, Mich.

Robert Francis Brunner, Jr., Altoona, Pa.

John G. Guttermuth, Cincinnati.

All were navy personnel.

The seventh person lost was a civilian technician. His name was not immediately released.

Six of those lost were swept from the deck of the U. S. S. Tusk, a sister submarine cruising with the Cochino.

The Tusk had pulled alongside the Cochino to try to rescue it after the explosion.

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Testifies — Floyd Odium, head of the Atlas Corp., testifies before the house armed services committee at its B-36 bomber inquiry. The Atlas firm controls Consolidated Aircraft Co., maker of B-36. (AP Wirephoto).

Dig for Facts In B-36 Plot

Washington, Aug. 26 (AP) — Congressional investigators took off today on the trail of additional suspects who may have spread discredited charges of fraud and favoritism in the B-36 bomber program.

Actual hearings are at a standstill for six weeks while agents of the house armed services committee dig for more facts.

The hearings produced a spectacular climax yesterday:

1. The complete lifting of any suspicions of corruption from Secretary of Defense Johnson, Secretary of Air Symington, Industrialist Floyd Odium and everybody else connected with the development of the giant, intercontinental bomber. That was by unanimous action of the committee.

2. An equally complete repudiation of all the charges and rumors of irregularities contained in a once anonymous memo. That was by the author of the document, suspended navy official Cedric Worth. He got plenty of help in his repudiation from Committee Counsel Joseph B. Keenan.

The navy, much embarrassed, ordered an investigation of its own. It set up a court of inquiry, to convene next Monday, to "inquire particularly as to whether other persons, military or civil, under the navy department participated in or instigated or had knowledge of the preparation of the said document."

Worth was suspended Wednesday from his \$8,500-a-year job as an assistant to Undersecretary Dan Kimball.

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To Pass Inland Late Today at Lauderdale

Miami, Fla., Aug. 26 (AP) — Rising winds assailed the rich southeast Florida "gold coast" this afternoon as a howling tropical hurricane approached offshore.

A noon advisory said the tempest, packed with 120 mile winds and fierce rains, was expected to pass inland near Fort Lauderdale later this afternoon. It is about 65 miles off shore.

Low-flying black clouds and dismal showers heralded the tempest along 130 miles of coastline from Vero beach to Miami.

Black and red hurricane flags flapped from Vero beach to Miami and around huge Lake Okeechobee.

Windows Boarded Down Everywhere in the famed resort area, hurricane-wise property owners in bathing suits boarded windows, bolted doors, and tied down potential debris. Small boats scurried for cover.

Refugees from lowlands poured into Red Cross shelters in Palm Beach.

Firemen, police officers, and disaster workers were alerted for emergency duty.

The noon advisory warned that tides and winds would be especially dangerous between Fort Lauderdale and Stuart.

A high flow of southern wind over Florida may cause the storm to take a more northward course about the time it reaches the coast and cause it to buzz saw along the thickly-populated area between Miami and Palm Beach.

Center Passes Bahamas The center of the second hurricane of the season passed nearly over or slightly north of the Bahamas capital shortly after 6:30 a.m. (EST). Highest winds were reported at 75 miles an hour in gusts. The wind did not reach the hurricane's top velocity in Nassau, since that British colonial caught the weakest side of the storm.

In an 8 a.m. (EST) bulletin the Miami weather bureau said the storm had picked up intensity during the night with highest winds estimated at between 110 and 120 miles an hour.

Because of the erratic nature of the storm, hurricane warnings covered a 142-mile stretch of the Florida east coast from Vero beach south to the greater Miami area, and inland to include the Lake Okeechobee region. Storm warnings flew over most of the state not included in the hurricane area.

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House Taking Long Holiday

Washington, Aug. 26 (AP) — House members headed homeward today for a 25-day vacation — without the approval of the senate.

The house members won't return until Sept. 21, except for a handful who will remain here to conduct formal "no business" sessions twice a week. Those are necessary because the senate would not agree to an outright adjournment.

The holiday was voted amid cheers yesterday in a simple resolution after members got tired of waiting for the senate to approve a joint measure. That would have permitted house adjournment without informal sessions in the meantime.

The senate is unable to leave Washington because it has more work than it can handle.

The twice weekly house sessions, every Tuesday and Friday, are necessary because the constitution does not allow one chamber to adjourn without consent of the other more than three week days at any time. That can be done only by joint resolution.

In the 25 days between now and the end of the house recess, congressional leaders hope the ruffled relations between the two branches will be healed.

The senate's refusal to permit an outright house recess was unprecedented. It irritated house members who felt they were entitled to a holiday because they had worked daily earlier this year while the senate marked time.



Congratulations!—Tom Clark (right), new associate justice of the Supreme Court, and J. Howard McGrath who succeeded the Texan as Attorney General, congratulate each other after each was sworn into office. (AP Wirephoto).