

PARTLY CLOUDY and cooler tonight and Saturday. Lowest temperature tonight, 40; highest Saturday, 58.

Maximum yesterday, 60; minimum today, 38. Total 24-hour precipitation: .01; for month: 2.28; normal, 2.50. Season precipitation, 3.86; normal, 4.18. River height, -3.3 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)



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Loucks Hurls Hat in Ring in Race for Mayor

Fuel Dealer First to Announce Candidacy To Succeed Elfstrom

By STEPHEN A. STONE Alfred W. Loucks announced Friday that he will be a candidate for mayor of Salem in the 1950 elections.

The decision by Loucks to run for the office resulted in the elimination of some other possible contenders. Apparently it is felt that issues are not sharply enough drawn to warrant a contest among several men, any of whom might stand a good chance to win the election.

Dr. E. E. Boring, who has been prominently mentioned, will come out with a statement, he said, declaring he would not run, and that he would give his support to Loucks.

Fry Not a Candidate

Alderman Dan Fry, who has a strong following, is out of the city, but is reported to have decided definitely not to be a candidate. Sidney L. Stevens, also a possible contender, said Friday he had not yet reached a decision, and thought it was much too early for an announcement.

A rumor gained currency that Alderman Tom Armstrong might be in the running, but he vigorously denied it.

Another often mentioned is Walter Musgrave, mayor of newly-annexed West Salem. He is in eastern Oregon and could not be contacted for comment.

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All 48 Aboard Airliner Die in Azores Crash

Air France Constellation Falls in Flames On Rocky Island

Santa Maria, The Azores, Oct. 28 (AP)—An Air France Constellation plane with French Boxer Marcel Cerdan and 47 others aboard fell in flames today on a rocky island in the Azores. All 48 were killed.

Witnesses said they saw the plane fall flaming over a mountain in the Algarvia district near Sao Miguel island's northeast coast. Possibly because of bad weather and poor visibility the Constellation hit a peak while heading for Santa Maria airport, 90 miles away in The Azores, witnesses said.

The passengers were said by Air France to include 10 Americans and two Canadians. The plane had been missing for eight hours.

Noted Violin Virtuoso The Constellation, on a flight from Paris to New York, also carried the noted French woman violin virtuoso, Ginette Neveu, who is well known to American concert audiences, and Louis Boutet de Monvel, widely known French painter and illustrator of children's books.

Cardan's manager, Jo Longman, and his trainer, Paul Jenner, also were aboard. Cerdan, former world middleweight champion, was on his way here for a title bout scheduled December 2 at Madison Square Garden, New York, with Jake Lamotta, to whom he lost the title in Detroit June 18.

The Rocky Island is about 1,200 miles west of the Spanish coast.

Company officials said they had no idea what had happened to prevent the plane from landing at Santa Maria.

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New State Flax Board Named

Governor Douglas McKay appointed a new five-man state flax and linen board. It succeeds the board which resigned several months ago.

The new members are: Henry Crawford, Salem, former postmaster; A. E. Krahmer, retired Hillsboro flax grower; Frank King, promotion manager of Pendleton Woolen Mills in Portland; Raymond P. Smith, St. Paul banker and farmer; and Dean William A. Schoenfeld of the Oregon State college school of agriculture.

The board's job is to promote Oregon's flax industry. At the same time, the governor named these five men to give technical help to the board.

Clyde Everett, Salem, official of Oregon Flax Textiles; J. J. Fitzsimons, manager of the Salem Linen mill; L. L. Laws, manager of the flax plant at the state penitentiary; Alfred J. Lentschner, Albany, manager of Santiam Flax Growers plant near Jefferson; and Jesse Harmon, Corvallis, senior agricultural engineer with the U. S. department of agriculture's bureau of plant industry, soils and agriculture engineering.

Drainage Plans For North Salem

City Manager J. L. Franzen and City Engineer J. H. Davis told a large group of north Salem people who met at City hall Thursday night about measures that are being taken to protect that section of the city from water overflow this winter.

The city manager also outlined plans that will be developed this winter for an overall drainage project next summer that will cover all parts of the city where drainage is needed.

He let them know that it will be contingent on the people approving a measure in the May election to finance the project, which, if approved can be put into the city budget.

The mayor hinted that he hoped to develop a city betterment program, progressive from year to year as finances are available. Franzen said that Salem is about 20 years behind in facilities such as sewage and drainage which he attributed first to the depression years and then the war years when it was impossible to proceed on any well-developed plan.

"But we are now getting to the point where we can shove along in an orderly way," he said.

In reply to questions about emergency drainage this winter the manager and engineer said 10 pumps would be available for service and patrol crews organized for day and night service so that pumps can be placed at strategic points.

Delegation of Detroiters Oppose Merger Election

By DON UPJOHN A large delegation descended on the county court from Detroit Friday to express its opposition to another election on the incorporation of the Detroit-Idanha area, petitions for which were filed with the court Thursday.

A mild sensation was created at the hearing when Mrs. Floy Storey, housewife who had expressed her opposition to the proposal, further asserted she had been informed some of the 86 signers on the petitions asking a new election had been forced to sign because of threats to raise their rents.

Justice Edison Vickers, sponsor of the petitions, jumped to his feet and asked District Attorney Ed Stadler sitting in on the hearing, if an affidavit could be secured from Mrs. Storey reiterating such a charge.

"This is a matter I'll handle in my own clumsy way if any affidavits are secured," replied the district attorney, "by taking it before the grand jury to make an inquiry." This ended that flurry at the hearing.

Lloyd Girod led the opposition to holding another election. He said that the date of the preced-

Plans to Meet Jobless Crisis

By JAMES D. OLSON Steps to cope with any serious unemployment situation that may arise in Oregon during the winter are being taken by Governor Douglas McKay, following a conference with members of the state employment compensation commission.

Governor McKay said Friday that he will appoint a state committee, members of which will be expected to promote organizations of local committees throughout Oregon.

"While we are hopeful that the state will not be faced with any serious unemployment problem this winter," the governor said, "I feel that we should be prepared to meet any problems that may arise."

He added that he felt that the best results would obtain if local committees handled unemployment within their own areas.

The plan of handling unusual unemployment situations locally has been adopted in many states of the union, including Washington and California. The governor said that New York state had adopted the most comprehensive plan.

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Signs and a Smudge Welcome Willamette Grads—Top: Sigma Alpha Epsilon craftsmen put a final touch on their fraternity sign suggesting a "Kick in the Rear for the Pioneer." Center: Gene Walters, sophomore, and Prudence Edwards, freshman, pause to admire this mechanically operated sign "Portland or Bust," devised by Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Lower: Intruders prematurely fired Willamette's homecoming bonfire early this morning and Travis Cross, director of alumni affairs, covers his eyes from the sight of smudging debris too painful to view.

Rain Fails to Dampen Homecoming Program

Preparations for Willamette university's 28th annual homecoming went ahead Friday in spite of rain that hampered operations at times. The freshmen assembled before dawn to take care of their annual chore, that of raking leaves and in other ways making the campus more presentable to the hundreds of alumni who are expected to return for the activities.

Student activity centered around the construction of signs which are being erected by the various fraternities and sororities. These were scheduled for judging late in the afternoon immediately preceding the noise parade. This parade which will incorporate numerous noise making contraptions will move through the downtown streets at 6:30.

A pep rally was scheduled to be held around a bonfire at the Bush pasture athletic field at the conclusion of the parade. Since the huge pile of debris was touched off prematurely early Friday morning, plans for the rally may be changed.

Old grads are slated to return to the campus Saturday for a luncheon at Lausanne hall. Gates to the new athletic park in Bush pasture will be opened at 10 o'clock giving the alumni and others an opportunity to inspect the field.

The football game between Willamette and Lewis and Clark will be played at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon with a reception to alumni at 4:30 in Baxter hall.

A semi-formal dance in the gymnasium Saturday night will bring the celebration to a close.

Recall Election Cost \$65,000

Portland, Oct. 28 (AP)—County Auditor Edwin M. Kerr estimated today that the special election to recall Marion L. Elliott as sheriff cost about \$65,000.

Political Crisis Ends in France Paris, Oct. 28 (AP)—France's longest political crisis in 50 years ended early today with confirmation of Georges Bidault as premier. Bidault had formed his cabinet lineup before the national assembly approved him 367 to 183.

For the 50-year-old leader of the MRP (popular republican movement), today's coming to power was a full circle of the political wheel. Head of the wartime resistance in France, Bidault was his country's provisional president and premier from June to December, 1946, and her foreign minister from 1945 until July, 1948.

Soon after his confirmation, Bidault presented his cabinet to President Vincent Auriol. He had secured party agreement to the cabinet lineup before the assembly vote, overcoming in advance the obstacle on which two previous choices for premier floundered.

Strikes Reduce Production to Post-War Low

Federal Reserve Reports 11 1/2 Percent Drop Since September

Washington, Oct. 28 (AP)—The federal reserve board predicted today the impact of the steel and coal strikes will push down industrial production this month to the lowest point in 3 1/2 years. The strikes already have nipped in the bud a production upturn that started in August and continued in September, the board said.

An 11 1/2 per cent drop in production was forecast for October in comparison with September, when a rise of about one per cent had lifted output to 72 per cent above pre-war.

The board's report came a day after President Truman said the steel-coal situation has not reached the point of being an emergency.

Further Slump Coming The board's decision not to intervene now in the disputes was expected to bring redoubled efforts to bring about a voluntary settlement.

The September rise in industrial production was made in the face of the coal strike that started just after the middle of that month. The steel strike began October 1 and its effects are spreading over the economy with rising force.

The board estimated that October production "largely as a result of the steel strike," will go down to a mere 52 per cent above pre-war.

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Oregon Strikes Nearing End

Portland, Oct. 28 (AP)—Three labor disputes, which have idled more than a thousand workers, were on the road to settlement today.

The strike-bound Oregon poultry processing plants were vowing today on a proposed contract to settle the strike that started a week ago. All the plants resumed full operation, pending the outcome of the voting. That probably will not be announced until Saturday.

The AFL office workers in six struck wholesale grocery firms were to vote this afternoon on a contract proposal. That settlement was reached by negotiators late yesterday, and referred to the rank and file.

The terms of neither settlement were disclosed. Meanwhile the Doernbecher Manufacturing Co., closed since Oct. 11 in a complicated labor dispute, called its employees back to work Monday.

Charles L. Shelley, union business agent, said the workers would go "if terms of the contract are complied with."

The company rehired only 125 of its 550 workers after a brief strike early in the month. The 125 refused to go to work, either, calling the action a contract violation.

Johnson Denies Any Reprisal

Washington, Oct. 28 (AP)—Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson denied today that Admiral Louis Denfeld was ousted from the navy's top job as "reprisal" for his criticism of high defense policies. He implied that Denfeld lacked qualifications for the post.

Johnson made his denial in a letter to Rep. Bates (R-Mass.), one of several congressmen who had voiced protests against "reprisals" for testimony in the recent congressional investigation of differences in the armed services. Johnson's office made the letter public.

It came amid main signs that the action against Denfeld had shocked a big part of congress and rocked the navy itself right down to the newest "boot" in training.

Accused Policeman Denies Negro's Charges

By DOUGLAS THOMAS Charge made by U. S. Alderman, extensive farmer of the Dayton area, that a Salem police officer, Arch A. Wilson, had discriminated against Negro employees of Alderman went into a hearing at City hall Friday afternoon.

Two Negro witnesses, Jackson Ward and John L. Washington, appeared. Both are from Portland. They were accompanied by two white men, John Todd and William Maxwell. The hearing was being conducted by E. C. Charlton, assistant police chief of Salem.

Alderman, apparently basing his charge on stories told to him by workers, claimed a Salem policeman had told two Negroes that their race was not welcome in Salem and advised them to leave town as soon as they had been paid by the farm paymaster.

Patrolman Wilson, a veteran of four years with the Salem force who only recently was assigned to the Commercial street beat known as skid row, said he had spoken to a group of Alderman workers last Friday.

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Bridges to Stay In CIO Until Booted Out

Cleveland, Oct. 28 (AP)—Hard-hitting Harry Bridges, leader of 65,000 longshoremen, declared today the only way his union would leave the CIO "would be if we're booted out."

The west coast leader—who takes pride in calling his union a left-wing organization—admitted he thought next week's annual convention would be "rough as all hell."

That is because right wing forces are determined to have a showdown with the 11 or 12 unions under left leaders. But Bridges said a committee of about a dozen representatives of key locals in the longshoremen's union will meet with CIO President Philip Murray.

Murray holds the answer to how tough the fight becomes.

Subs Not to Carry A Bombs

Pearl Harbor, Oct. 28 (AP)—Cmdr. Johns McCain, Jr., was misquoted by The Associated Press this week in a dispatch reporting a submarine-launched missile could carry an atomic bomb.

The dispatch dealt with a navy announcement of plans to launch missiles from two submarines off Hawaii Nov. 7.

The Associated Press reporter, confronted with Commander McCain's denial, today conceded he misquoted him. The reporter said:

"When Commander McCain finished answering questions concerning the plan to launch missiles from two submarines, he was asked if they would contain an atom bomb war head. I thought McCain answered affirmatively. I must concede I misquoted him."

"The fact is," Commander McCain said yesterday in his denial of the AP report, "I don't know anything about the atom bomb. In my naval experience, I've never had anything to do with atomic experiments."

Commander McCain is in charge of submarine guided missile development. What he said was: "The submarine, with guided missiles, has become a siege bombardment weapon."

Congress to Act on Purge

Milledgeville, Ga., Oct. 28 (AP)—Chairman Carl Vinson of the house armed services committee said today his group will take up the ouster of Admiral Louis Denfeld as chief of naval operations when congress reconvenes.

"The congress nor the committee cannot sit quietly by and permit reprisals against witnesses who have testified before it," Vinson said.

"This reprisal against Admiral Denfeld for having painted the picture as he sees it in the navy will be dealt with in this committee's report and on the floor of the house in January."

Other members of the committee commented in a similar critical vein at Washington. Vinson, veteran democratic representative from Georgia, called the removal of Denfeld by President Truman a case of the admiral's being made "to walk the plank for having testified before the armed services committee."

Denfeld, Vinson said, testified "that the navy is not being consulted as to its functions, that the navy's role and missions are being altered, that the naval air arm is being forced into a state of weakness and that the navy is not accepted in the full partnership in the national defense structure."

"For having warned the congress and the country that such a state of affairs in his opinion exists in the navy, he has been relieved of his high office," Vinson said.

Bail of \$5000 Each For Y Cafe Robbers

Dallas, Ore., Oct. 28—Bail of \$5000 each has been set by Circuit Judge Arlie G. Walker for three persons indicted for the robbery of the "Y" Cafe on the Salem-Dallas highway early the morning of October 17.

Named in indictments by the Polk county grand jury, all on charges of burglary not in a dwelling, are Lucius Charles Fenton and his wife, Lillian Ruth Fenton and Elvin M. Ferrans, all of Bakerfield, Calif. There is some indication that the trio will enter a plea Friday.

The two men were nabbed by state police early in the morning after Ervin York had been awakened by a burglar alarm and notified authorities. Mrs. Fenton was arrested here the following day after she had been recognized by York as having been in the cafe with the two men late Saturday night prior to the robbery the following Monday morning.

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He advised a delegation of enlisted personnel—the second to voluntarily pay tribute to him since his dismissal was announced yesterday—that the best thing they could do was to go back to their jobs and work to put the navy back on top.

Perfectly All Right Denfeld said it was "perfectly all right if they want me out." But he pledged a continued fight for the navy. And he noted bitterly that his removal was not ordered "until congress went home."

He said the mass expressions of sympathy and loyalty by the enlisted personnel were "the most wonderful things that have happened to me in all my years in the navy."

"The title of which I am most proud is 'A Sailor's Admiral,'" he said.

The delegation crowded into Denfeld's Pentagon office shortly after he arrived at about 9 a.m. An even bigger group gathered outside his home on the naval observatory grounds last night.

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