

THE WEATHER HERE
MOSTLY CLOUDY tonight, light to occasional moderate showers. Thursday, mostly cloudy, scattered light showers. Slightly cooler. Lowest temperature tonight, 42; highest Thursday, 50.
Maximum yesterday, 53; minimum today, 45. Total 24-hour precipitation: .31; for month: .27; normal: 1.62. Season precipitation, 4.85; normal, 6.25. River levels, -1.3 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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Plans Offered For City Traffic Bottlenecks

Committee Favors Raising S.P. Tracks And Undercrossings

By STEPHEN A. STONE

As a first undertaking for railroad grade crossing elimination along the Southern Pacific main line in Salem the long-range planning commission Tuesday night had a recommendation from its transportation committee.

This would be a regrade of the railroad from south of Mission street to just north of Marion, with underpasses at Mission and Mill streets and at the 12th street crossing of the Trade street line. The estimated cost of the first project is put roughly at \$1,032,000.

This is part of an overall plan, looking into the far-distant future, that contemplates regrade of the main line from Mission to the underpass on Highway 99E and 11 underpasses in all.

No Action Taken

The commission took no action on the report except to vote that it be printed for public distribution.

An alternative study included in a written report is the tunneling of the main line under 13th street, said to have point of preference over the underpass plan, but it would be more expensive.

Discarded entirely is the often-suggested tunneling of the line through 12th street, the present location of the line.

The report is accompanied by recommendations for development of the plan in units with cost sharing among the Southern Pacific company, the city, Marion county and the state of Oregon.

Coming ahead of any underpass building would be regrade of the main line, estimated to cost \$1,021,000. C. A. McClure, engineer for the planning commission, said that all cost estimates were necessarily rough, and based on present conditions.

The report sets up first the regrade plan, then construction of underpasses at Mission, Mill, 12th at Trade, State, Center and Court streets, at a total estimate of \$1,836,000. At 12th, State and Center the underpasses would be four-lane, at the other streets two-lane.

The second unit contemplates underpasses at D street, Market and Madison, all four-lane, estimated to cost \$430,000.

Interior Plans Inadequate

Washington, Nov. 9 (AP)—The interior department's proposed billion and a half dollar program for Pacific northwest development doesn't include any projects under way or contemplated by the army engineers.

A department program planning official explained yesterday that the plan "represents only the interior department's part of the total job to be done in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and western Montana."

The six-year program, first regional proposal of its kind except for recent Alaskan plans, was presented to the budget bureau by Assistant Secretary of the Interior C. Girard Davidson. He will explain it to congress early next year.

Prior to his departure yesterday for Vancouver, Wash., where he will address the Allied Newspaper association tomorrow, Davidson explained that the reclamation bureau-army engineers plan set out last April outlined only the "basic framework within which development of the Columbia basin will proceed over the next 25 to 30 years."

"However," he added, "those plans cover only the major engineering works which are basic to the region's development."

"Lacking are long range proposals covering the related resource problems of public lands management, including range and forest lands, minerals, agriculture, recreation, fish and wildlife and Indian resources."

"Lacking also are long range proposals for acquiring the basic data essential to the success of the development program."

"A regional resource program, to be worthy of the name, must include these related resource items in addition to the major engineering works."

Pension Law Repealed by Californians

San Francisco, Nov. 9 (AP)—California voters apparently have had enough of their new pension law.

Returns from 10,453 of the state's 14,203 precincts showed they voted 1,033,534 to 757,495 yesterday to repeal the pension plan passed in the November, 1948, election.

The plan boosted pensions \$10 a month to \$75 for the aged and \$85 for the blind. The repeal left the higher payments in effect for persons who have lived in California five years.

However, the repeal measure requires pensioners to be 65. Last year's plan lowered the age to 63.

The repeal measure also allows Gov. Earl Warren to name the director of the department of social welfare. It ousts the present director, Mrs. Myrtle Williams, who formerly was secretary of George H. McClain's "citizens committee for old age pensions" which won passage of the higher-priced plan last year.

Storm Strikes Golden State

San Francisco, Nov. 9 (AP)—Drenching rains and high winds struck northern California early today and heavy snow fell in the Sierra. It was the first real storm of the season.

Trees were uprooted in the bay area. Water stood inches deep in the streets of some communities.

Heavy snowfall was reported in the Sierra, where the Carson, Ebbets and Sonora passes already are blocked. The weather bureau expected a fall of two to four feet today and tonight, with gales through the passes and across ridges.

Colder weather was predicted generally, with more rain and snow in store. Rain in "heavy amounts" was forecast for all of northern California today and tomorrow.

The weather bureau issued storm warnings along the California coast from the Oregon border south to Monterey, including San Francisco bay.

Snowing on Cascade Roads

It is snowing today on roads at higher elevations, the state highway commission warned today.

The road report contained the following reports of below normal conditions on state highways:

Government Camp—snowing lightly, but pavement bare.

Siskiyou and Green Springs highway—snowing hard, slushy; six inches of new snow.

Ochoco—snowing lightly, pavement bare.

Santiam Junction—snowing lightly, packed snow on roads; plows are operating, chains should be carried.

Sisters—packed snow on roads, being plowed.

Lapine—snowing lightly, pavement bare.

Chemult, Odell Lake, Chiloquin, Keno, Bly—snowing lightly, roads slushy.

Crater Lake—travel is discouraged because of snow.

Seneca—snowing lightly, pavement bare.

Liquor Sales in Oregon Continue to Decrease

By JAMES D. OLSON

Liquor sales in Oregon are still declining, having dropped to \$9,087,193 92 during the three months ending September 30, 1949, as compared with \$9,985,377.73 of sales during the same quarter in 1948.

The drop in sales of \$898,183.81 was reported by the Oregon state liquor commission Wednesday.

The commission had an inventory of goods valued at \$7,927,239.17 on July 1, 1949, as compared with a \$13,520,608.80 inventory a year earlier. Purchase of liquor by the commission were far less, the report showing that during the three months of this year the purchases totaled \$4,962,050 as compared with \$6,048,963.18 during the same period in 1948.

Through curtailed purchases the commission showed a higher net operating revenue, the report showing that after deducting \$507,687.27 for operating expenses, this revenue total \$2,024,025.78 or \$173,460.86 more than the operating revenue during the same three months a year ago.

Liquor permits sales also show-

Big 3 Survey United Policy Toward China

Yugoslavian Program Also Included—German Issue Studied

Paris, Nov. 9 (AP)—A well informed source said today the foreign ministers of the United States, Britain and France have agreed to examine a common policy toward Yugoslavia and communist China.

The three ministers fixed an agenda for two days of meetings here. An American official reported it covers "a wide range of subjects," with Germany topping the list. The Big Three ministers then took up a memorandum from West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

The ministers agreed to examine all aspects of the German question—political, economic, psychological and military—and the issue of Germany's entry into the European Council and other international bodies.

Plan Aid to Tito

The three western ministers were also to discuss what assistance they might lend to Yugoslavia to enable Premier-Marshal Tito to maintain his independence from the Kremlin. They also were to consider problems involved in recognition of the Chinese communist regime.

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Asks Armistice On Atomic Bomb

Lake Success, Nov. 9 (AP)—U. N. Assembly President Carlos P. Romulo announced today he has appealed to the Big Five and Canada to consider a short-term atomic armistice, a ban on use of atomic bombs, and a new start on the problem of atomic control.

Romulo so far has not received official answers from the six governments but western delegates were reported to view the proposals as old stuff and vague.

Sources close to the Philippine delegate said, however, that he was insisting his proposals have a thorough study in the General Assembly.

His plan was published as the United States prepared to tangle with the Soviet Union on the atomic issue in the Assembly's special political committee.

"Mankind is not prepared to accept a deadline on a matter so serious to the future of the whole world," Romulo said in his appeal to the United States, Russia, Britain, France, China and Canada.

"Every effort must be made to explore even the remotest possibility of an effective agreement."

Romulo listed four possible lines of action in the Assembly's search for an answer to the western-Soviet deadlock.

Dulles to Truman

Washington, Nov. 9 (AP)—Here is the text of a telegram received by President Truman today from Senator Dulles (R., N.Y.):

"You win."

"I am pleased to hear that you have won the argument over the atomic bomb. I believe that the world is safer now than it was a few days ago."

"I am sure that you will continue to work for the peace and stability of the world."

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Royal Review—King George VI, (center), appropriately attired in full naval uniform, is escorted by Capt. Ephraim Rankin McLean of Carrollton, Miss., the ship's commander, as the British monarch reviews the crew of the USS Columbus at Portsmouth, Eng. The king chatted with crew members and stayed for lunch in the course of his three-hour visit. (AP Wirephoto via radio from London)

Postcard to Davenport Arrives 41 Years Late

By ANNA POWELL

Silverton, Nov. 9—Roy Davenport of Cherry street, because he is a near relative of the noted cartoonist, and an employee of the local post office, was given custody of an unusual piece of mail, a post card, on his arrival home from a two-week hunting trip in northeastern Oregon late last week.

The card had a personal message, merely signed by "A," written to the world famous cartoonist of the early part of the century, Homer Davenport, and mailed in Portland, Ore., July 20, 1908.

In a perfect state of preservation as though it had been mailed within the past few days, stamped with a Portland date of apparently October 17, 1949, sent on to Silverton, the original destination on the post card. Where the card has been tucked away for the past 41 years has the present possessor wondering.

The card was received at the Silverton post office October 18, 1949.

On the non-address side of the card is a color replica of "Oneonta Bluffs, Columbia river," huge rocks, piled high, topped by two evergreen trees. At the base of the bluffs is a railway track.

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CAA to Control Military Planes

Washington, Nov. 9 (AP)—A civilian government agency took over air control of military planes as a safety measure today, hard on the heels of an airline pilot's report that he had almost collided with a B-25 bomber over National airport here.

The civil aeronautics administration (CAA) announced the new safety move last night, a short time after disclosure of the near-collision between an Eastern Airlines Constellation and an instrument-flying air force plane. The airliner was carrying 54 persons on a flight to Miami.

The CAA did not relate its announcement to the airliner-bomber incident. It said the new regulation resulted from a series of air safety discussions with air force and navy officials which started several weeks ago.

There has been heavy pressure on civilian and military aviation authorities to take new measures toward greater safety in the air—particularly against air-to-air collisions. In the past 14 months, all fatalities suffered by passengers on U.S. airlines have resulted from aerial collisions.

National airport was the scene of a disastrous crash last Tuesday, involving an Eastern Airlines DC-4 and a Bolivian P-38 fighter, in which 55 persons lost their lives.

Marts Close Friday

New York, Nov. 9 (AP)—Financial and commodity markets throughout the United States and Canada will be closed Armistice day, Friday, November 11. Various livestock reports will be issued by the department of agriculture.

Elections Chill Republicans, Cheer Demos

N. Y. Elects Lehman—Driscoll Smashes Hague in New Jersey

By LYLE C. WILSON

Washington, Nov. 9 (AP)—Returns from scattered elections across the country chilled republicans today and fired President Truman's party with confidence for 1950 and 1952.

The 1948 democratic tide remains strong.

Best news for the GOP was re-election of Republican Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll in New Jersey which was followed before dawn today by Boss Frank Hague's resignation as leader of the democratic party in that state.

Driscoll licked democratic state Sen. Elmer Wene who had the support of Hague's tarnished political machine. A two-time republican winner, Driscoll becomes a young man to watch. He is 47 years old.

Boston Defeats Curley

Another democratic boss got his lumps in Boston. There Mayor James M. Curley lost his office to a political novice, City Clerk John B. Hynes. But it was a non-partisan contest and no outright gain for the GOP.

Curley struck out in the 50th year of his political career. He and Hague were of the hard school of the famous bosses of our times, Penrose, Pendergast, Crump, Kelly, and Charley Murphy of New York.

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Truman Joyous Over Election

Washington, Nov. 9 (AP)—President Truman, once again today the leader of a triumphant party, welcomed Tuesday's election results as an endorsement of his "fair deal" program and an omen of democratic victory in 1950.

The president, jubilantly reading election returns to 400 cheering democrats at a dinner last night, said the results in New York "will have a very decided effect on the elections in 1950." The people then will elect all members of the house and one-third of the senate.

Mr. Truman saw in the returns, also, a powerful stimulus on congress to enact the unfinished portion of his legislative program.

"The democratic platform set out certain things which it is our duty to try to accomplish," he told the women's national democratic club of Washington.

"I want to say to you that the first session of the 81st congress did a remarkable job, and the second session of the 81st congress is going to do a better one as a result of these elections today."

The president was an irrepressible guest of honor. With every dinner course he bounced to his feet with a broad grin, rapped on the microphone for attention, and read the latest election returns. Each report raised new cheers and applause from the crowd of cabinet officers, party leaders and club members.

Morse Raps Senate as Two Party Coalition

Washington, Nov. 9 (AP)—Senator Morse (R., Ore.), said in a statement released here today the people should recognize that the senate in its last session was not a two-party system in operation "but a coalition of conservative republicans and democrats."

"It represented a new political alignment in fact if not in name," Morse said.

"It was a powerful coalition; too powerful for the liberals because there are not enough liberals in either the democratic or republican party in the senate to out-vote the coalition of reactionaries."

The senator, now in Oregon to campaign for reelection, made his statement public through his office here.

He said the first session of the 81st congress "will undoubtedly go down in congressional history as the coalition congress."

At the very beginning, he said, a coalition of southern democrats and republicans was formed in support of the so-called anti-filibuster resolution of Senator



Clyde M. Reed

Senator Reed Dies Suddenly

Parsons, Kas., Nov. 9 (AP)—Republican Senator Clyde M. Reed, who fashioned three successful careers—politics, newspaper publishing and the railway mail service—died last night.

The 78-year-old senator from Kansas apparently succumbed to a heart attack. He collapsed while descending a stairs in his home. His body was found at the foot of the stairs by his wife, Minnie, and a maid.

He just left the hospital last week after suffering from influenza.

Reed was elected to the United States senate in 1938 and re-elected in 1944. His term was scheduled to expire January 3, 1951.

His death trimmed the number of senate republicans temporarily to 42. However, a republican probably will be named to succeed him. Kansas Gov. Frank Carlson, who will make the appointment, also is a republican.

When the senate returns in January there probably will be 54 democrats and 42 GOP members, assuming Carlson appoints a republican and a democrat is named to succeed Senator Baldwin (R., Conn.). Baldwin plans to retire in December.

Reed spent 37 years in the railway mail service before entering newspaper work and politics. He began as a clerk. When he quit to manage and publish The Parsons Sun, a daily newspaper, he was superintendent of the railway adjustment division.

In the senate Reed, a white-haired husky man, was considered an expert on transportation matters.

His son, Clyde, Jr., also survives.

Dr. Gallup Eats Pheasants Now

New York, Nov. 9 (AP)—Dr. George Gallup of the Gallup Poll said he was eating pheasant today—a welcome change from his year-long diet of crow.

His poll forecast the U. S. Senate victory of former Gov. Herbert H. Lehman in yesterday's New York state election.

Gallup's figures were not as close as they have been in the past, but he picked the right man.

Gallup gave Lehman 57 percent of the vote, and his republican opponent, Sen. John Foster Dulles, 43 percent.

Almost complete returns from the actual balloting showed Lehman winning with 28 percent.

Gallup was badly off on the size of Lehman's democratic-liberal majority, however.

Wherry (R., Neb.), which requires 64 affirmative votes in order to carry a motion to end debate in the senate. Morse said it was not an anti-filibuster resolution at all, and added:

"The absurdity of the 64-vote requirement of the Wherry resolution is evidenced by the fact that in spite of all the pressure that was put on members of the senate, only 63 senators showed up to vote for the resolution."

Lewis Orders Coal Miners Back to Work

380,000 Strikers to Return to Pits at Least Until November 30

Chicago, Nov. 9 (AP)—John L. Lewis today ordered his striking soft coal miners back to work.

A resolution was adopted by the 200 man policy committee of the strikers to go back to work until midnight, Nov. 30, under the terms of the UMW's contract which expired July 1, 1949.

Lewis said: "This is done as an act of good faith, designed to contribute to public convenience."

Lewis told reporters the 380,000 bituminous workers east of the Mississippi river who have been idle 51 days were ordered to go back into the pits immediately.

To Renew Conferences

Lewis also said: "The United Mine Workers will again make another contribution of major magnitude to enhance the remote possibility of agreement being reached."

Lewis said that between now and November 30 officers and scale representatives of the union "will participate in such wage conferences as may eventually be in conformity with recognized policy."

He urged that private householders and public institutions "provide themselves in the interim with necessary coal supplies to tide them over a further suspension period in the event that the contemptuous arrogance of the coal operators remains undiminished."

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Silverton Road Drainage Plan

An estimated cost of \$3950 was submitted to the county court Wednesday by City Manager J. L. Franzen and City Engineer J. H. Davis on the proposed new culvert and regrading of the Hollywood ditch for 2100 feet north of the Silverton road in connection with the county's requested share in the drainage program of the city north of Salem. The county was asked to participate on the basis of its being done as a protection to the county road system.

The court has taken the matter under advisement but will probably give an early answer.

The court had agreed to put a new culvert under Silverton road at Hollywood ditch and regrade a short distance north in the ditch leading from the Silverton road. Then the city officials asked a revamping of the program by the county continuing on with the regrading for a distance of 2100 feet. After the county court had looked over the situation on the ground it had declined to proceed further until it got the estimated costs which were submitted Wednesday. Not only is the ditch to be regraded and deepened but the project also involves taking out and disposing of a large quantity of brush and several full grown trees.

Principal objective on the city's part for the project is to do away with water over the road near Lansing avenue which blocks off school children crossing the road to the new Washington school in Capota. It is planned to bring a 2500 foot ditch along the Silverton road to the culvert at the Hollywood ditch and carry the water off through that regraded and deepened ditch.

Admit Confessions Of Mass Rapists

Tacoma, Nov. 9 (AP)—The state scored one of its major victories yesterday in the drawn-out trial of 10 youths charged with the mass rape of a Tacoma housewife when it succeeded in gaining admission of the defendants' signed confessions into evidence.

Superior court Judge Max Church permitted the confessions to stand over sharp objections by defense attorneys. The judge ruled that the body of the crime had been established and that submission of the confessions was in order.

The lurid hearing, proceeding with admission limited to "admitted only," brought testimony yesterday from Edzar Edmiston, a gas station attendant, who said he saw three men and a nude woman drive into his station about 8 p.m. on May 27,