

THE WEATHER HERE

PARTLY CLOUDY with showers tonight and Sunday. Continued cool. Lowest temperature tonight, 32; highest Sunday, 42.

Maximum yesterday, 44; minimum today, 30. Total 24-hour precipitation, .05; for month, 3.44; normal, 3.42. Season precipitation, 11.98; normal, 14.16. River height, 1.7 feet. (Report by U. S. Weather Bureau.)

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Voters Have Chance to Mark Many Ballots

National, State, County and City Offices to Be Filled

By JAMES D. OLSON Oregon voters will be called upon in 1951 to elect a governor, a United States senator, a congressman in each of the four congressional districts, four supreme court justices, a superintendent of public instruction and a state labor commissioner.

These together with members of the legislature and county and city officers.

From present indications, Governor Douglas McKay will have no serious opposition for the republican gubernatorial nomination.

No definite word has come from democratic headquarters as to who will seek the democratic nomination for governor.

Mentioned prominently, however, are State Senator Austin F. Flegel, Portland, State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson and State Senator Richard Neuberger.

Lew Wallace, former state senator, who has twice won the democratic nod for governor, but has met defeat at general elections, may make a third try, according to reports from Portland.

Search in Vain No apparent success has been attained by a group of republicans who are scouring the state for someone to oppose U. S. Senator Wayne Morse.

The latest to be mentioned as a candidate against Oregon's aggressive junior senator is Admiral Thomas L. Gatch, retired.

Supporters of Morse do not seem concerned, feeling that Morse will win the republican nomination hands down and go to an easy win over any democratic opponent that might be placed against him at the November, 1950 election.

Terms of four justices of the state supreme court expire on January 5, 1951. They are Chief Justice Hall S. Lusk and Associate Justices J. O. Bailey, Arthur D. Hay and E. M. Page.

Justice Bailey has made it known that he will not seek reelection, and Robert F. Maguire, Portland attorney who recently returned from Germany where he presided in the Nazi trial court for eight months, has announced his intention to seek Bailey's seat on the high bench.

Reports have been prevalent that State Senator Allan Carson of Salem will oppose Justice Page, but thus far Carson has been silent on the subject. Page was appointed by Governor McKay following the death of Justice Percy R. Kelly. It is expected that Lusk, Hay and Page will be candidates to succeed themselves.

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Storm Brings Gales and Rains

Portland, Dec. 17 (AP)—A storm swept inland across the northwest today, bringing heavy showers to some areas and snow to the higher regions.

Winds up to 48 miles an hour whistled over the Portland airport. High winds raked coastal ports, and the town of Brookings got nearly an inch of rain.

New Business Building, Plant Cost \$54,000

Church, Mill Street Site Utilized—Also Parking Project

When a building permit was issued Saturday for a \$24,000 building at the northeast corner of South Church and Mill, announcement was made by Leo N. Childs of a new business to be established at that corner.

And on the same quarter block Childs announced an off-street parking project that will accommodate about 150 cars.

The building will be occupied under a long-term lease by the Nu-Way Cleaners. The lessees are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Smith, coming here from Central City, Neb., and the business will be established at that corner.

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Collapse Follows Mrs. Santa Claus Award — Above, Mrs. Charles A. Sprague, (left), principal in the "Tag Mrs. Santa Claus" contest, happily watches Mayor Robert L. Elstrom award Mrs. Jessie L. LeBoeuf, 67-year-old pensioner living at 147 North Commercial, \$100 as first tag Mrs. Santa Claus. Below, Mrs. LeBoeuf, seated and suddenly ill, following presentation of the award. Assisting her are first aid personnel: Don Hill, left, and Clinton Hart, acting captain.

Senator Morse Studies Mexico

Mexico City, Dec. 17 (AP)—Senator Wayne Morse (R., Ore.) left today for Los Angeles aboard President Aleman's plane "El Mexicano" which brought him here from Dallas.

The plane left at 9:10 a. m. (CST) and should reach Los Angeles in the early afternoon.

Morse, after a week's study of oil and the fight against aftosa among cattle, seemed much pleased with his visit.

He said he thought "it very important that Mexico gets the oil loan" for development of her resources. He spent much of yesterday with Antonio J. Bermudez, director general of Pemex, government oil monopoly.

They flew to rich Poza Rica field and during the past week they went together to other fields and to the chief oil installations.

For an hour yesterday, Sen. Morse talked through interpreters with President Miguel Aleman about Mexican problems.

With Sen. Morse are Ralph Cake, republican national committeeman from Oregon, and Mrs. Cake.

After talking with officials of the joint U. S.-Mexico aftosa commission and seeing some of its work, Sen. Morse said he was "much impressed" with what is being done.

His chief interest, however, was the oil development and he said he thought Pemex, under Bermudez, is "doing a remarkable job in developing Mexican oil facilities."

19 Dead in Sioux City Blast

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 17 (AP)—The death toll in Wednesday's explosion at the Swift and Co. meat plant rose to 19 today as Joe Kucny, 18, Sioux City, died of injuries suffered in the blast.

City Rejects Silverton Road Drainage Plan

Plans for the proposed city-county drainage project to install a new culvert under the Silverton road near the Hollywood ditch and clear that ditch for 2100 feet north from the road have been definitely abandoned by the city stating it will be unable to accept a compromise offer from the county as to sharing the expense.



Tagging of Mrs. Santa Claus — Mrs. Jessie L. LeBoeuf, 67, who lives in a flat at 147 North Commercial, was acclaimed winner of \$100 for tagging Mrs. Santa Claus. They were happy because, it was said, the recipient seriously needed the money, and she had not been well.

Tagger of Mrs. Santa Ill Following Award

The people of Salem, massed in the city center, were thrilled, and applauded mightily Friday night when Mrs. Jessie L. LeBoeuf, 67, who lives in a flat at 147 North Commercial, was acclaimed winner of \$100 for tagging Mrs. Santa Claus.

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But the emotion of the moment was too much for Mrs. LeBoeuf. She became faint, but she would be all right in a little while, she said. They wished her merry Christmas. Then they saw she was in distress and first aid was called. She was taken to her home but it was said today her condition was not serious.

Mrs. LeBoeuf, a pensioner, worked for a while in the canneries last summer, neighbors remembered, but a rather bad spell of illness made it impossible for her really to get out and make a living. So the \$100 posted by the Salem Retail Trade Bureau as a feature of the second Santa Claus night was very welcome to her.

The Mrs. Santa Claus role on Friday night was played by Mrs. Charles A. Sprague, wife of the former governor. Mrs. LeBoeuf tagged her at the Hartman jewelry store and Mrs. Santa Claus graciously acknowledged her identity.

Both in the city center and in the Capitol Shopping Center Salem was out en masse. It was a bigger crowd, said the merchants, than a week ago, and a better buying crowd, so from both angles records were broken.

Most of the 26 Mrs. Santa Clauses were tagged early in the evening. That, apparently, was because they tried to hide in the crowd and not look like Santa Clauses. One Willamette student who played the part did it differently. He went around telling people he was Santa Claus and no one would believe it. Then just at the 9 o'clock closing hour a woman customer put the finger on him and won her prize.

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Schneider Dies in Prison Gas Chamber

Canyon City, Colo., Dec. 17 (AP)—Paul J. Schneider was executed here last night for the murder of a Denver filling station man.

The handsome, Bible-reading Schneider, died in the lethal gas chamber at 8:01 p. m. (MST). He was confident to the end that he would get a reprieve but his ninth stay of execution failed to arrive.

Schneider, convicted of slaying 47-year-old Frank J. Ford, Denver filling station attendant, was steady and stony-faced as Warden Roy Best and prison guards came to his cell to escort him to the gas chamber.

"Take it easy," he called to fellow inmates as he left cell block five. "The Lord's will will be done this evening."

UN Council Nears Kashmir, India, Decision

Efforts to Get Pakistan and Hindus to Sign Pact Fail

Lake Success, Dec. 17 (AP)—The United Nations trusteeship council, after three fruitless meetings wrangling about the internationalization of Jerusalem, is going to try for a quick preliminary decision on Kashmir.

Letting the question of Jerusalem slide over for a fresh start next week, the council meets (at 10:30 a. m. EST) today to take up the princely state over which India and Pakistan have fought and argued for the last two years.

The 11-nation council stopped a shooting war over disputed Kashmir by a cease fire order last Jan. 1. The order came after months of dickering by a special commission of the council with representatives of India and Pakistan.

Since then the commission has tried in vain to get India and Pakistan to sign a truce agreement and hold a vote so the population could decide whether the state should go to Moslem Pakistan or Hindu India. Nearly four-fifths of the more than 4,000,000 Kashmiris are Moslems.

The commission now is asking the council to name one man to mediate and arbitrate the dispute. A long report Dec. 12 said the commission was no longer effective in dealing with the two countries.

The commission report said also neither Pakistan nor India had satisfied completely the commission truce program for withdrawing troops and stopping propaganda so as to allow a free plebiscite.

The trusteeship council ended its last meeting on Jerusalem last night with Russia fighting off an immediate vote on the question of inviting Israel to sit with the council during the discussion of Jerusalem.

Jews and Arabs May Rush Peace

Haifa, Israel, Dec. 17 (AP)—Informants here say Israel and Hashemite Jordan may rush to a final peace agreement as a result of the U. S. decision to internationalize Jerusalem, which the two countries hold jointly.

The two nations, whose war has been halted by a truce, already are negotiating for settlement of traffic problems aimed at giving Jordan a route to the Mediterranean sea and providing Israel roads through Arab-held territory to Mount Zion.

Both the Israeli republic and King Abdullah's Arab nation are in full agreement on maintaining their present positions in Jerusalem rather than giving in to the U. N. internationalization order.

The Arabs hold the old city, in which most of the holy places of seven faiths lie. The Jews hold the new section and have set up most of their government offices there in defiance of the U. N. order.

Musgrave Chairman Of Red Cross Drive

Walter Musgrave, realtor, and active worker in several civic and service organizations, will be general chairman for the 1950 American Red Cross fund campaign in Marion county, it was announced today by Charles H. Huggins, chairman of the local Red Cross chapter.

The drive formally opens March 1, March being designated nationally as Red Cross fund campaign month.

"The Red Cross program is a vital one and I am happy to accept the appointment as fund campaign chairman in Marion county and do what I can to assist in the work of this worthwhile organization," Mr. Musgrave said.

Mr. Huggins is announcing the appointment said: "The Marion county chapter of the American Red Cross is very pleased that Mr. Musgrave has accepted the chairmanship for the annual fund campaign. He was selected by the board of the Red Cross here because of the thorough job he has always done



Former Premier Traicho Kostov of Bulgaria hanged for Titoism.

Kostov Purged On Gallows

Sofia, Bulgaria, Dec. 17 (AP)—Sofia newspapers said today that former Premier Traicho Kostov confessed completely to charges of treason and espionage and asked for mercy shortly before he was hanged.

Kostov was the first purged communist to plead innocent in any postwar eastern European trial. He was found guilty and condemned to death by the Bulgarian supreme court Wednesday.

The presidium of the national assembly rejected his plea for clemency Thursday and he was hanged in Sofia's Central prison yesterday.

During his trial, Kostov repudiated a confession which the court said was in his own handwriting. Newspapers today published facsimiles in his handwriting of his plea to the national assembly in which he allegedly confirmed all that he had admitted in the original confession.

The press said that Kostov said he considered his death sentence "absolutely correct" and attributed his conduct during the trial to "excited nerves and sick intelligentsia ambition."

Ward Due in Japan Monday

Aboard Lakeland Victory, Dec. 17 (AP)—The Lakeland Victory steamed from Pusan, Korea, this afternoon with all but one member of U. S. Consul General Angus Ward's party.

The ship is due in Yokohama, Japan, Monday morning. Alfred Kristan, German on Ward's staff in Mukden until the diplomat and his party of 20 were ousted by the Chinese communists, was transferred to the U. S. Embassy in Seoul, capital of South Korea.

Franco Cicogna and his wife, Italians, also were assigned to Seoul — but refused that post. They said they would continue on the Lakeland to Yokohama and return to Italy rather than go to Seoul.

Except for the Cicognas and Kristan, all other members of Ward's party are Americans. The Americans will continue to the United States after a few days in Tokyo. They are scheduled to sail Dec. 22 on the President Wilson. (It was not reported whether the Cicognas would be on the Wilson, but it was presumed they could be.)

U.S. Director of Relief Jailed By Hungarians

Israel Jacobson Arrested but Charges Against Him Unknown

Budapest, Hungary, Dec. 17 (AP)—Hungarian authorities announced today that Israel Jacobson, director of the American joint distribution committee in Hungary, has been arrested. They declined to give any details of the charges against him.

U. S. Minister Nathaniel P. Davis said he had been refused permission to see Jacobson in prison.

Harold Trobe, Vienna director of the American joint distribution committee, a Jewish relief agency, said Jacobson was arrested Thursday when he returned to Budapest after a six-week leave in the United States.

Trobe said he knew of no possible reason for Jacobson's arrest.

Returned from United States Jacobson's home was formerly Rochester, N. Y., but a few weeks ago his family moved to Chicago. His wife, Florence, worked in the Chicago office of the "Federation of Jewish Charities."

Mrs. Jacobson was with him in Budapest before they left three months ago on their trip to the United States.

Jacobson left here last Thursday after spending a week getting a Hungarian visa. Trobe said the visa was issued with "only a minimum of difficulty."

Jacobson was driven to the Austro-Hungarian border on Thursday morning by a driver from the Vienna office of the AJDC. At the border Jacobson was met by a driver from the Budapest office and he crossed the border at eleven o'clock.

When he failed to show up at the Budapest office on schedule Thursday, inquiries were made at the American legation there. The legation was informed by the Hungarian foreign office that Jacobson had been arrested.

Trobe said Jacobson "probably was acquainted with" Robert A. Vogeler, American businessman arrested by the Hungarians November 18. He said, however, the two were probably not very close friends and he did not think there is any connection between their arrests.

Jacobson, 45, was assigned to the Budapest office of the AJDC in September, 1947, and stayed there until he left for the United States.

He left Budapest to visit Vienna only twice during that time.

Trobe said as far as he knew Jacobson was never molested by Hungarian police during his long stay in Budapest.

Trobe said the European headquarters of the AJDC in Paris has been notified of Jacobson's arrest and he assumed the case would be taken up with the state department.

American legation officials here said they know of the arrest but no action has yet been initiated from Vienna.

Chinese Troops Desert to Reds

Hong Kong, Dec. 17 (AP)—A new revolt today reportedly opened wide the gates for a Red army now sweeping into the mountain lands of western China, proposed base for nationalist guerrilla warfare.

Private reports said Szechwan province militia went over to the Reds in the borderlands north of Chengtu. Last of a series of refugee capitals abandoned by the government.