

THE WEATHER HERE

MOSTLY CLOUDY with occasional rain and snow tonight, Thursday. Slightly warmer. Lowest tonight, 20; highest Thursday, 35.

Maximum yesterday, 29; minimum today, 15. Total 24-hour precipitation: .07; for month: 0.74; normal, 3.01. Season precipitation, 21.23; normal, 20.26. River height, 2.9 feet. Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.

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Forecast Says Gradual End Of Cold Wave

Minimum Today 15 Degrees With Rain Or Snow Predicted

By MARIAN LOWRY FISCHER What next in a weather deal? That was the main question in Salem, Wednesday morning. Will it be more snow and cold or icy rain and a possible silver thaw, or just a good rain to melt away the snow and ice?

Reports from here and there made the outlook a bit confusing. The local weather bureau forecasts occasional rain and snow tonight and Thursday and slightly warmer temperatures—the low tonight due to be around 20, which is still 12 degrees below freezing.

By 1 p.m. the mercury had climbed only to 21 degrees, the weather bureau reported. No new snow fell during the morning and that on the streets and sidewalks became a bit slushy with constant travel.

Weather a Guess While Salem was listed with a morning minimum of 15 degrees, Wednesday, Eugene with a 16-degree reading at mid-morning was getting a wet, freezing mist; Roseburg was threatened with a silver thaw, while on farther south Medford was soaked with 1.02 inches of rain in a six-hour period ending at 4 a.m., and reported a minimum of 49 degrees. Over at Klamath Falls, the minimum was 37 this morning against the 15 in Salem and 14 at Portland, most of the southern part of the state reporting warmer temperatures and rain.

East of the Cascades, Bend reported its worst storm of the winter over Tuesday, 16 inches of new snow bringing the total there to 25 inches on the ground. All school and mills in that vicinity were closed and logging operations suspended.

2 Main Roads Closed by Storm

The Columbia river highway will be blocked all day today by snow between Cascade Locks and Hood River, the state highway commission said in its 9:30 a.m. summary of road conditions. The Willamette highway was closed by fallen trees between Goshen and Oakridge.

Other highways were dangerous, icy or snow-covered. But one bright spot is that conditions in southern Oregon are near normal.

The road report: Government Camp — Packed snow, plowing, carry chains. Columbia River Highway — Closed at Shell Rock, between Cascade Locks and Hood River, all day. Hillsboro-Silverton — Closed by drifting snow 5 miles north of Newberg. Hope to reopen by noon. Siuslaw Highway — Closed 8 miles east of Florence. Santiam Pass — Packed snow, plowing, chains required. 8 inches new snow. Willamette Pass — Snowing hard, slush, 20 inches new snow. Raining at Oakridge, highway closed by fallen trees, Goshen to Oakridge.

Highway 36 Drops 12 Feet

Florence, Jan. 18 (AP)—About 200 feet of highway 36, the route from Eugene to this coastal city, dropped 12 feet during the night, and because of the location, about eight miles east of here, it cannot be detoured.

A state highway shovel crew from Roseburg was about to start work Wednesday filling in with dirt. No estimate was given as to how long the job will take. Dirt will have to be brought from a considerable distance. The highway at this point is bordered on the north by the railroad and on the south by the river. Traffic is being routed around by Drain and Reedsport. A few hardy drivers are attempting the old route which leaves route 36 east of Mapleton and angles up and down a very steep hill, coming out between Cushman and Florence.

Army Combats Major Flood On Mississippi

Tributaries and Main River at Highest Point in 13 Years

(By the Associated Press) The army ordered heavy earth moving equipment to critical "fuzo plug" sections of the big Mississippi today in the biggest flood threat since 1937.

The mayor of historic Vincennes, Ind., issued a special second call for volunteer flood fighters in his endangered city on the banks of the Wabash.

The army sent the bulldozers and earth movers to the levee tops of the Birds Point-New Madrid floodways. There the crews will await orders either to blast out sections of the levee, or set their machines chewing into the massive earthen floodwall.

To Pull Out Plug The idea is this: If a "plug" is deliberately pulled out of the levee, the mighty Mississippi's torrent will surge into the 139,000 acre floodway. This will lower the pressure on other walls, up and down stream, such as that at Cairo, Ill.

A leaking dike on the north side of Vincennes made Mayor William L. Betz call at Vincennes necessary. He asked 400 or 500 fresh workers to bear a hand at the levee near the mouth of the Kelson creek. The north side of the city, the site of Indiana's old territorial capital and other historical monuments, is in danger.

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Flood Threats In California

San Francisco, Jan. 18 (AP)—Winter storms which have whipped northern California for two weeks tapered off today, leaving in their wake the threat of floods in a score of communities.

Three deaths attributable to the storms were recorded in northern California yesterday, bringing to six the number of victims of winter-caused fatalities.

The flood threats today centered largely in the north coastal counties, as did the heaviest downpours from this week's storms. The Smith river, near the Oregon line in Del Norte county, was rising rapidly. So were the Eel, the Mattole, the Mad and the Klamath in Humboldt county.

The Eel, rising a foot an hour, was expected to reach a height of 22 feet today, five feet above flood stage.

Silver Thaw Threatens Roseburg, Jan. 18 (AP)—A silver thaw threatened to shift south to the Roseburg area, as the temperature dropped to 29.7 degrees at 9:30 a.m. and was going lower. State police reported the highway a sheet of ice from the Winchester bridge, six miles north of here, through to the Willamette valley.

Pickett Appointed as District Phone Manager

Selection of Bruce F. Pickett of Portland to succeed Harry V. Collins as district manager of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company in Salem was announced today by Fred Scholl, general commercial manager for Oregon.

Collins, who came here as Salem manager for the company in 1930, and was advanced to the district post in 1931, retires February 1 after more than 40 years of service. Pickett will assume the responsibilities of his new position on that date.

A graduate of Oregon State college, where he received his bachelor of science degree in business administration in 1923, Pickett has been personnel relations supervisor in the company's administration department in Portland since 1947. Starting his telephone career as a student engineer in Portland immediately after graduation, he transferred to the commercial department the following year. Advancing through various levels of supervision, he subsequently served as sales supervisor, office manager, and manager in Portland, and in 1946 was named district manager for the company in eastern Oregon, with headquarters at Pendleton. In 1947 he was returned to Portland and given state-wide responsibilities in personnel relations work, the assignment he



Snow Crashes Roof at Dallas

Dallas, Jan. 18—Heavy snow caved in the roof of the Frank Neufeld dehydrator on Jefferson street at Dallas Tuesday. The main roof was completely down, the shed roof partially. On hand to inspect the trouble are Claude McAllister, Rollin Friesen, Leon Goebel and Roger McWhirter, who are enjoying an extended vacation from school because of snow. In the background is the elevator of the Farmers Union Cooperative warehouse.

Two trucks, a tractor, prune equipment and dehydrator equipment were stored in the plant which had not been in operation since the walnut season. One truck was damaged and some other equipment was hit when the roof fell in the center of the building. The cave-in was directly over 500 sacks of walnuts, which were not believed to be seriously damaged.

New fluorescent lights in the building were all broken. The owner said he had examined the room Monday, but decided that buildings on his farm were more seriously threatened and devoted the day to clearing them.

A large barn on the Academy ranch just northwest of Dallas, caved in from the weight of the snow. Eleven head of livestock in stalls along one side escaped but a 1941 model automobile was crushed. The ranch is on the Ellendale road and was formerly a riding academy.

Wallace Admits Report on China

Washington, Jan. 18 (AP)—A republican senator's complaint that Henry A. Wallace fathered America's China policy has drawn from Wallace the retort that if his ideas had been followed, the U. S. would be better off.

Senator Ferguson (R., Mich.) told the senate yesterday that a "secret report" which he said was written by the former vice president in 1944 laid the basis for present American foreign policy in China. Ferguson deplored the policy as helpful to the communists in China.

Wallace's response was given to a reporter at South Salem, N. Y. If the administration and Kennedys Chiang Kai-Shek had followed the line he suggested, Wallace said, "we would be in a much stronger position in the Orient today."

Army Reserve Corps Armory For Salem

Salem is to have an Organized Army Reserve Corps armory and the city has been given number one priority in the entire Sixth Army area for the construction of the structure.

Confirmation of the construction of the new armory in Salem was brought here by the Sixth Army headquarters, Presidio of San Francisco. The board, which was joined by northern sub-area representatives and engineers from Seattle and Portland, was in Salem Tuesday to confer with Lt. Col. Bruce Johnson, instructor for the Salem Army Reserve units, and to inspect proposed sites.

Currently being considered by the army as sites of the armory are locations on the airport road just off East State street. One of the sites would be just south of the state highway laboratories on the west side of the airport road and the second across from the laboratories on the east side of the road.

A tentative agreement has previously been made with the state of Oregon to secure one of these locations for the site of the armory, to be used in training army reserve units in the Salem area.

The building, which will be a concrete and concrete block structure is to be a two-unit armory and is a standard army design armory with a few alterations. Final plans have not yet been completed.

Members of the Sixth Army site board in Salem Tuesday were Lt. Col. William F. Curren of the G-3 section; Maj. William H. Peterson of the G-4 section; Maj. Pierce P. Hurley from the engineer section and J. J. Adams and James M. Orr, an engineer, both of whom are from San Francisco.

Joining the men from the Presidio of San Francisco here were Col. Thomas F. Kern from the northern sub-area; Hanford Thayer and W. C. Nelson, both from the district engineer's office in Seattle; and D. M. Belton, from the division engineer's office in Portland.

Ice Jams Hit Lumber Plant

Tygh Valley, Ore., Jan. 18 (AP)—Ice jammed across the White river in this lumber mill town south of The Dalles, crunched out over the banks, ripped down a fence and threatened four houses today.

Ice heaved up into piles eight to 10 feet high as cakes from up-river flowed underneath the surface sheet, smashed into the jam, and buckled the top layer. The threatened houses—one was evacuated during the night—are in a low area over which massive ice blocks are pushing out.

The jam formed yesterday. This morning the jagged cakes moving slowly into the low area were 30 feet beyond the south bank of the river. They leveled a fence and inched up to one house, reaching the floor level at dawn. Farther on are three more houses, occupied by mill workers, all in the path of the frozen flood.

A powder expert was being brought here today by Wheeler Rucker, resident army engineer at The Dalles, to study the possibility of blasting the jam. Frank Burglung, timekeeper at the Tygh Valley lumber mill said residents feared that a serious flood would follow any sudden thaw if the jam were not broken.

With Mrs. Pickett and a daughter, Jocelyn Davis, who is a sophomore at the University of Oregon, he plans to establish residence in Salem immediately.



Bruce F. Pickett

Page Resigns from Supreme Bench; Latourette Succeeds

Court Asked by NLRB for Ban On Coal Strikes

Washington, Jan. 18 (AP)—Labor Board General Counsel Robert H. Denham announced today he is asking the federal court here to prohibit the United Mine Workers from calling any strikes until they drop several allegedly illegal contract demands.

Denham said he considers the current three-day week in the coal fields a strike. He wants the court to issue a temporary injunction to put all coal miners on a five-day week.

4 Violations Charged Specifically, Denham accused the union of four violations of the Taft-Hartley act.

1. Demanding an illegal closed shop. 2. Demanding a welfare fund for union members only. 3. Seeking an illegal contract clause which permits miners to work only when they are willing and able, and 4. Bad faith in bargaining.

Denham said he would ask the court to order John L. Lewis and the mine workers union to give up their allegedly illegal demands and "forthwith resume bargaining in good faith" with the coal industry.

Denham said he had cleared his action with the White House "and they raised no objection."

Accused of Coercion The soft coal miners, on orders from Lewis, have been working only three days a week since Dec. 5. Lewis put his men on the short work week to allow them to earn some money and still reduce coal stockpiles.

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Above—Justice Earl C. Latourette of Clackamas, below Justice E. M. Page of Marion.

Resignation of Justice Page Due to Ill Health

By JAMES D. OLSON Associate Justice E. M. Page of Salem submitted his resignation Wednesday from the state supreme court bench and Circuit Judge E. C. Latourette of Oregon City was named by Governor Douglas McKay to fill the vacancy.

Ralph Holman, Oregon City attorney, was appointed circuit judge of Clackamas county by the governor.

Both Latourette and Holman are members of pioneer Oregon families. Latourette a democrat and Holman, a republican, must stand for election for their new non-partisan offices in the May primaries.

Accepted With Reluctance Governor McKay said he was "forced to accept Page's resignation with extreme reluctance" but was compelled to do so because the associate justice had been in failing health. Page, described by the governor as a "fine legal mind and a staunch friend," served on the Marion county circuit bench for eight years prior to his appointment to the supreme court last July to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Associate Justice Percy R. Kelly.

Ex-Governor A. W. Norblad, a republican, named Latourette to the circuit court position in the fifth judicial district 19 years ago. Latourette has experienced what the governor called a "phenomenally small number of opinion reversals in that time."

Favored by Bar Poll The governor also pointed out that the Oregon state bar poll on candidates for the newly-created Oregon federal district judgeship favored Latourette by better than a three-to-one margin.

"I believe in promoting faithful servants of the state wherever possible," said McKay. "Judge Latourette's brilliant service to this commonwealth for nearly 20 years certainly entitles him to such a promotion."

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Polish Delegate To UN Resigns

Lake Success, N. Y., Jan. 18 (AP)—The counselor of the Polish delegation to the United Nations has resigned and asked Secretary of State Dean Acheson for asylum in the United States because "freedom has disappeared in Poland," it was revealed today.

Aleksander Rudzinski, a key figure in the Polish UN delegation since 1946, broke with the Polish government over its support of Russia's walkout from the security council and other UN organs in the last few days. He resigned from the Polish UN staff and from the Polish consulate in New York.

He charged that the Soviet walkout was designed to "paralyze" the UN.

State Department spokesman Michael J. McDermott said in Washington that the request for asylum is under consideration. Rudzinski wrote to Acheson Monday for political sanctuary in this country. He said that Poland had undergone a "rapid and profound transformation" in the last few months, climaxed by the imposition of Soviet Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky as Polish defense minister.

After mentioning "consent," however, the Red radio said the three governments' "former consuls" in the Red China capital had "yielded" to communist demands for the buildings.

Reds Necessity Caused Seizure

Tokyo, Jan. 18 (AP)—Radio Peiping said tonight "military necessity" prompted Chinese communist seizure of American, French and Dutch barracks and other buildings in Peiping last week-end.

The radio added the governments concerned had "consented" to the seizures. (The seizures prompted the United States to recall all state department officials from Red China.)

The communist statements were made in a Chinese language broadcast. It was monitored here by Kyodo News agency.

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Civil Rights Clauses Lose

Washington, Jan. 18 (AP)—The senate today junked an anti-lunching amendment to a bill providing for the repeal of federal oleomargarine taxes.

One of the three civil rights amendments offered by Senator Langer (R., N.D.), it was killed by a 60 to 20 vote to lay it on the table.

A similar fate apparently was in store for his anti-poll tax and fair employment practices amendments. Their rejection would help to clear the way for a quick senate vote on the repeal bill.

The motion to table was made by Senator Fulbright (D., Ark.) immediately after administration leaders had attacked Langer's proposals as an effort to kill the bill. Democratic Leader Lucas of Illinois said Langer hoped to "cause a filibuster" which would ultimately kill the repeal measure. Southern democrats are bitterly opposed to the civil rights measures. "He is not fooling the people who are truly interested in passing the civil rights program," Lucas added.



What Do You Feed a Flicker?—The photographer's springer spaniel, Duke, retrieved this cold, half starved bird from the West Salem park Tuesday, and posed a tough feeding problem for his master. Birds throughout the valley are finding slim pickings during the current sub-freezing weather. (Bob Brown photo)

Friday Vote on Rules Change

Washington, Jan. 18 (AP)—Warring groups in the house agreed today to a showdown vote Friday on a rules change that could bottle up civil rights legislation and other parts of the Truman program.

Speaker Rayburn announced the decision after a huddle with administration lieutenants. He said there will be no caucus of democrats.

Many democrats feel that a party caucus last year on the same subject is still binding. That meeting bound most democrats—but not all of them stayed put—to support a change in rules stripping the rules committee of its stranglehold over legislation.

The rule was changed after that caucus. A republican-southern democrat coalition now is backing repeal of the 1949 rule and return to the old procedure giving the rules committee its former power. The rules committee is dominated by the coalition forces.

President Truman predicted yesterday an all-summer fight for the civil rights program, but he got no outpouring of support from congressional leaders. Mr. Truman said he is doing "everything possible" to prevent adoption of the house rules change.

\$75,000 Fire at Copco Tokete Plant

Roseburg, Jan. 18 (AP)—Fire causing damage estimated upwards of \$75,000 destroyed the warehouse and compressor room at California-Oregon Power company's Slide Creek unit of its Tokete Falls project Wednesday night of last week. Information of the fire was brought out Tuesday by Karl W. Smith, camp supply man.