

CLOUDY WITH RAIN tonight and Friday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 35; high Friday, 47.

Maximum yesterday, 47; minimum today, 36. Total 24-hour precipitation: .04; for month: 2.28; normal, 1.69. Season precipitation: 23.28; normal, 11.84. River height: 19.5 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

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Candidates For City Offices File Petitions

Harry V. Collins Urged to Become Candidate for Mayor

By STEPHEN A. STONE
Two candidates for city offices filed their preliminary petitions Thursday. First to file in the 1950 campaign was City Treasurer Paul Hauser, seeking re-election, next was Elmer M. Amundson, candidate for city judge.

Also today loomed the possibility that another candidate may enter the contest for mayor. Mentioned as a possibility is Harry V. Collins, who has just retired as district manager for Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company after 40 years of service with that company. The report is still in the rumor stage and nothing has come directly from Collins.

Amundson Files for Judge

Elmer Amundson, who filed as a candidate for city judge, is 35 years old. He was admitted to the bar first in Washington, D. C., in the early '40s, later in the state of Maryland, and in Oregon in 1945.

He was with the CCC in eastern Oregon in 1935 when he went to Washington to fill a civil service post as messenger for the farm credit administration. In 1937 he transferred to the department of justice in a clerical position, in 1942 to the maritime commission as a priorities specialist, and in 1944 to the bureau of internal revenue. He graduated from Washington College of Law in 1941.

Two years ago he was attorney for a group seeking a change in the Salem form of government, but since has worked cooperatively with the administration. He was a member of Mayor Elfstrom's special committee studying the feasibility of the Baldock plan, and is a member of the Salem housing authority by appointment of the mayor.

Amundson's Platform

Amundson's office is at 668 North High street and his home at 533 Richmond. He has a wife and three children.

River Falls After 10.6 Foot Crest

After hitting a crest of 10.6 feet Thursday morning the Willamette started falling slowly at Salem, the high mark being far short of flood stage of 20 feet.

Valley folk generally sighed with relief that melting of the record snowpack, piled up during January, had been so gradual as to eliminate any high water troubles at this time.

Fairfall during February is above normal so far, due to continued showers the past few days, measuring 2.23 inches for the first eight days of the month against a normal of 1.62 inches for the period.

Forecast is for cloudiness and rain tonight and Friday with little change in temperature.

Snow Blanket In Lakes Region

A fresh blanket of snow covered areas in the northern Great Lakes region today but there was no severe wintry weather in that section or in other parts of the country.

A flash flood spurred the rise of the already swollen Cumberland river in Nashville early today. Two inches of rain and hail, accompanied by lightning, flooded streets and highways throughout the city.

The mercury was above the seasonal normal over most of the nation, the weather bureau reported. Temperatures over the northeastern states moderated after yesterday's sub-zero readings and there were no severe cold spots.

The mildest weather was from the gulf states northward into the Ohio valley. The only sub-zero readings early today were in northern Minnesota and eastern North Dakota. Pembina, N.D., reported -5.

Bull Runs for Congress

La Grande, Feb. 9 (AP)—State Sen. Vernon Bull said today he would seek the democratic nomination for congress from this district. The seat now is held by Lowell Stockman, republican from Pendleton.

Hopmen Told Beware of Too Much U.S. Aid

Governor Warns Against Federal Control, Urges Quality

By JAMES D. OLSON
Too much governmental control over agricultural products, including hops, will bring eventual disaster, Governor Douglas McKay told delegates to the opening session of the 4th annual convention of the United States Hop Growers, meeting in three days session in Salem.

Governor McKay told the hopmen that they, as well as all other farmers should develop markets by producing high grade products.

"Fifteen years ago the agriculturists in Oregon came to the state asking for assistance," the governor said. "Today we have entirely too much government control—control of production, and control of prices."

California Crop Sold

Hopmen from California, Washington, Idaho and Oregon registered Thursday morning for the convention. The noon-day luncheon, with State Senator Dean H. Walker of Independence, chairman, was the opening gun of the meeting.

Virtually the entire 1950 hop crop in California is already sold at good prices, according to Everett S. Ballard, large hop grower at Healdsburg, California.

The welcome extended to the visiting delegates by Governor McKay and D. F. Kennedy of Independence, representing Oregon hop growers brought responses from Tom Tanner, Sloughhouse, Calif., Victor Belair, Moxee City, Wash., and Donald Batt, Wilder, Ida.

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Keep Indochina From Going Red

Saigon, Vietnam, Indochina, Feb. 9 (AP)—Clear-cut lines in the struggle to keep Indochina out of the communist camp have been drawn by British and American recognition of former Emperor Bao Dai's French-backed Vietnam Republic.

The Anglo-American action this week means to the Indochinese that the western democracies are solidly backing Bao Dai against his communist rival, Ho Chi-Minh, whose nationalistic regime has been recognized by the Soviet Union and Red China.

Considerable popular support is expected to swing to Bao Dai as a result.

Bao Dai and Ho Chi-Minh have, in effect, been fighting for leadership of the strong universal drive for Indochinese independence. The regime which wins the support of the sovereignty-conscious Indochinese seems certain eventually of assuming power over this rich, strategic country—whose population of 25,000,000 is spread over an area slightly larger than Texas.

Liquor Board Agent Beaten up at Portland

Portland, Feb. 9 (AP)—A liquor commission enforcement agent was severely beaten and left unconscious in an ally early today. Police said they thought it was a gang revenge for liquor law violation arrests.

The agent, Thomas R. McKelvie, 30, was knocked down and attacked by at least three and possibly five men after he had made a routine check-up of Eva Hartman's tavern at W. Burnside and Second avenue.

He lost two teeth, one eye was closed, his face, shoulders and back were cut and bruised and his clothing was torn to shreds.

It was the first serious beat-up of a commission agent, the office of Administrator William Hammond reported today. There have been casual blows aimed at agents in the past during raids, the office reported, but never before a real beating.

Police, checking recent arrests made by McKelvie as they sought clues, questioned Jim Maloney who is out on bond for illegal sale of liquor at the Black and Tan club on N.W. Weilder street Jan. 22.

Maloney said he knew nothing about the assault. Others were to be questioned and David Warwick, enforcement chief for the commission, said arrests were expected later today.



Hopmen Gather in Salem for Convention—At top, Herman Goschie, Silvertown, chairman of banquet committee; Everett S. Ballard, Healdsburg, Calif.; George B. Beitzel, Elk Grove, Calif.; Gordon Hadley, general convention chairman and Romeo W. Gouley, chairman of entertainment committee. Below show group of Yakima hopmen; left to right, W. A. Shoensfeld, W. H. Mill, Jr., member of Washington hop control board; George Norman; Ed. Scott, also member of Washington hop control board and M. A. Lesh, president of Washington State Hop Producers association.

Gestapo for East Germany

Berlin, Feb. 9 (AP)—East Germany is to have its regimented youth and an all-powerful Gestapo, just like in the days of Hitler.

With an unquestioning raise of hands the communist-controlled Volkskammer (people's chamber) yesterday passed two laws which appear to roll the calendar back to 1933.

One bill creates a new ministry of state security to direct a special secret police force outside the ministry of interior. This political force is to have unlimited authority to arrest and imprison any suspected "enemy agents, spies and saboteurs."

The other law virtually forces some 3,000,000 youth in the Soviet zone of Germany to become members of the FDJ—the free German youth. They must join if they want to participate in even the most ordinary everyday activities, including sports, certain school work and the choice of profession.

By the language of the law the free German youth becomes a potential gigantic home spy ring much like the Hitler Jugend in which boys and girls were encouraged to betray even their parents if they were anti-Nazi.

French Collective Bargaining

Paris, Feb. 9 (AP)—French trade unions will soon be permitted to engage in collective bargaining with employers for the first time since the outbreak of the war in 1939. By a vote of 451 to 0, the national assembly last night passed a bill restoring the right to bargain collectively.

General Strike in Japan Threatened

Tokyo, Feb. 9 (AP)—Government workers are threatening a general strike in Japan.

Ministerial Group To Discuss 'Stromboli'

Although the Salem Ministerial Association's February meeting will not be held until February 21, Rev. Wesley Turner, pastor of the Leslie Methodist church and president of the group, stated Thursday that he expects to call together members of the civic and reform committee to discuss possible action in connection with the presentation at local theaters of the motion picture "Stromboli."

The official board of the First Methodist church Wednesday night characterized the release of the film, which stars Ingrid Bergman as a "brazen defiance of public decency and marital fidelity."

As far as could be determined few other Salem churches have taken official action concerning the matter although several ministers said indignation had been expressed by both official board members and those of the congregation.

The First Presbyterian church took cognizance of the situation by deciding that publicity would merely tend to build up a persecution attitude in the minds of the public which would result in filling the theater seats when and if the picture is presented.

The resolution adopted by the First Methodist board sets forth: "Whereas, for some time the stench of filth, cynicism and jazz coming out of Hollywood has been extremely nauseating, and "Whereas insult has now been added to this public injury by Hollywood's announcement of the release of 'Stromboli' on the same day of the illicit marriage of its principal star to its director, and

"Whereas, this brazen defiance of public decency and marital fidelity is abhorrent, shocking and degrading to public and domestic morals, now therefore

"Be it resolved by the First Methodist church of Salem, speaking through its official board, as follows:

"That we condemn this affront to Christianity as well as this attempt to glorify and commercialize adultery;

"We commend the stand taken by our local press and express the hope that other papers and organizations in this community will likewise publicly express their indignation;

"That the management of our local theaters be and they are hereby requested to ban 'Stromboli' from Salem screens."

Russian Base In North Korea

Seoul, Feb. 9 (AP)—A Korean government spokesman asserted today that Russia has leased port areas on the east coast of communist North Korea.

The office of public information said large scale harbor construction was in progress at Wonsan, Chungjin and Sungjin. The statement added "many Soviet naval officers and soldiers are stationed at these harbors."

The announcement recalled that Russia claimed she had withdrawn her occupation forces from North Korea by Christmas of 1948.

House Passes Bill Boosting Postal Rates

Hike Expected to Yield \$130 Million in Year—Post Cards Hit

Washington, Feb. 9 (AP)—The house today passed and sent to the senate a bill to hike postal rates \$130,000,000 a year.

President Truman had asked a \$400,000,000 boost to help meet annual post office deficits upwards of \$500,000,000.

Passage of the pared down measure was by voice vote after a move to send it back to committee was defeated 217 to 150.

Postal Card Rates

Percentage-wise, the biggest increase is in the rate for post and postal cards. This would be doubled, from 1 cent to 2 cents per card. The post office department claims it now loses 1.6 on each of the 3,000,000,000 cards it handles annually.

The bill makes no change in the present free rural delivery service provided for small weekly and daily papers delivered in the county of publication. Neither would there be any hikes over present rates for other publications delivered in the county of publication.

For delivery outside the county of publication, rates would be raised half a cent per pound on reading matter, with zone increases ranging from one to three cents a pound on advertising content.

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Shanghai Power Plant Bombed

Taipei, Formosa, Feb. 9 (AP)—Nationalist heavy bombers smashed the American owned power plant and the Kiangnan dockyards in Red Shanghai today.

It was the third straight day of air raids for Shanghai and the first of the mass attacks the nationalists warned 10 Chinese cities yesterday to expect.

Two ships in port received direct hits. One was a 5,000 ton freighter and the other a 3,000 ton vessel, an official announcement said.

Untouched in today's raids but still on the nationalist list of doomed cities were ancient Peiping, the communist capital, Nanking; Teintsin, Hangchow, Hankow, Canton, Foochow, Amoy and Tsingtao. All are centers of population. Peiping, with its old temples, is the heart of Chinese culture.

The air and sea warfare and ground war by mainland guerrillas also was stepped up by the nationalists. Scores of communist invasion junks on Lichow peninsula, in the south, were reported sunk by planes from Hainan Island and nationalist warships. More activity was reported from guerrillas in southwestern Fukien and Kwangtung provinces and western Sikang province. The latter is on the border of Tibet. Fierce aborigines were said to be helping the nationalists in Sikang.

Czechs Jail Monastery Heads

Prague, Czechoslovakia, Feb. 9 (AP)—Reliable sources report that the heads of two Roman Catholic monasteries have been arrested, apparently because they refused to sign oaths of allegiance to the communist-led government.

Russia Ahead In Aircraft

Washington, Feb. 9 (AP)—An American aviation expert said today Russia is ahead of the United States both in aircraft production and in the number of military planes it has in service.

However, said John F. Victory, executive secretary of the national advisory committee for aeronautics (NACA), this country isn't disturbed by that situation because it feels that it has the better planes.

"We think we still have supremacy in the air," he said, "because of the superior performance and military effectiveness of our aircraft."

Victory said in a prepared speech that neither the United States nor Russia has a practical military plane of super-sonic speed. U. S. planes can go faster than sound now only when unarmed, he said, adding:

"We see ourselves in the position of a runner in a race who knows he is being hard pressed."



Resigned—Harold F. Amrose (above) special assistant to Postmaster General Jesse Donaldson, has resigned his post, it was disclosed in Washington. The resignation was confirmed as the government opened an investigation into reports of "rare stamp investment" deals. (AP Wirephoto)

No Decision on AE Chairman

Washington, Feb. 9 (AP)—Lawmakers anxious to prevent any slow-down in the nation's atomic program expressed concern today over President Truman's delay in naming a new chairman for the atomic energy commission.

David E. Lillenthal resigned from the post last December and is scheduled to leave on Wednesday. Thus far the president has not appointed a successor.

And Press Secretary Charles G. Ross told White House reporters there certainly will be no appointment announced today. No decision has been reached yet, he said, on who will step into Lillenthal's job.

Several members of the senate-house atomic energy committee said in separate interviews that the AEC chairmanship is too important to the national security to remain vacant for any extended time. All asked to remain anonymous.

They saw a chance that Mr. Truman might name one of the present commissioners chairman.

While the commission is supposed to have five members, the resignation of Lewis L. Strauss, effective April 15, leaves only Gordon Dean, Dr. Henry De Wolf Smyth, and Sumner T. Pike. Pike is the sole remaining member of the original group named in October, 1946.

Jet Fighter Crashes In Flames, Pilot Killed

New York, Feb. 9 (AP)—Navy crews today searched the waters of Jamaica bay for a crashed jet fighter and the pilot who went down with the burning plane.

The missing navy flier, lone occupant of the plane which developed engine trouble and crashed into the bay yesterday, was Chief Aviation Pilot Jack J. Conrad, 27, of Norfolk, Va.

Conrad's plane was one of three new Grumman jet fighters which took off from Floyd Bennett field here yesterday morning.

Witnesses said he was trying to return to the field when his engine burst into flames and the plane fell.

Strike Forces 1st Brownout

Chicago, Feb. 9 (AP)—The first "brown-outs" were ordered today as the coal strike began changing the pattern of the nation's living.

Meanwhile, President Truman's fact-finding board moved swiftly toward ending the walk-out before its grip on the economy tightens to a stranglehold.

The board abruptly ended its hearings at Washington after renewed negotiations between John L. Lewis and the coal operators collapsed.

The board's action cleared the way for a prompt report to Mr. Truman, after which he can seek a court order to halt the walkout under the Taft-Hartley act.

Meanwhile, however, another strike threat arose. Two unions representing 250,000 trainmen and conductors announced here that members had voted to "strike if necessary" against the nation's railroads.

The unions seek work rules that would mean more pay, but there was no possibility of an immediate strike because of "cooling off" provisions of the railway labor act.

Brown-outs, reminiscent of wartime dim-outs in some areas, were imposed at Lansing, Mich., and Richland Center, Wis., both of which reported rapidly dwindling coal reserves.

Fact-Finders End Hearings With Report

Way Prepared for President to Seek Court Order

Washington, Feb. 9 (AP)—The soft coal fact-finding board today abruptly ended its hearings, paving the way for President Truman to seek a court order sending striking miners back to work.

The board met briefly for 15 minutes this morning, and then said it felt nothing could be accomplished by long, drawn-out hearings.

It said it felt the best thing to do was to close the hearings and report speedily to the White House.

Board Chairman David L. Cole cut off debate and testimony. He told John L. Lewis and coal industry representatives who were present that they could file by 1 p.m. (EST) statements of their position.

Mr. Truman's investigating board expects to report to the White House this week end the facts in the coal wage dispute. President Truman then can direct the attorney general to seek a federal injunction to return the miners to the pits for about 80 days.

The board tried late yesterday to get negotiations going again in the soft coal dispute. But after nearly nine hours of conferences—which lasted until early this morning—it decided Lewis and the operators had gotten nowhere.

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Belt Tightens On Industries

Pittsburgh, Feb. 9 (AP)—Industry tightened its belt today as soft coal peace talks collapsed in Washington.

More steel companies announced cutbacks.

The nation's railroads rushed to juggle train schedules. Hundreds of runs must be cancelled at order of interstate commerce commission before 11:50 p.m. (local time) Friday.

Over the country, an estimated 34,400 workers were forced into idleness by the coal strike. The bulk of them are in railroad, or the steel industry.

These were some of the developments:

1. Inland Steel company at Chicago said its coal supplies "have dwindled to the critical point." It announced the shutdown of a second blast furnace.

2. Republic Steel corporation said it will close one of its Youngstown (Ohio) district blast furnaces immediately. The firm previously had announced shutting down two furnaces in Cleveland.

3. The coal shortage started to hit small schools. At Delhi, Ind., which has a population of about 2500, schools were closed.

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