

THE WEATHER

PARTLY CLOUDY with scattered showers tonight, Friday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 49; high Friday, 55.

Legislators Seek Double Annual Pay

Senate Group Sponsors Proposal For \$1200 a Year

By JAMES D. OLSON
An effort to double the salary of members of the 1953 legislature is being made by the senate's committee on state and federal affairs which has sent an amendment to the senate fixing the pay for legislators at \$1200 a year.

The present annual salary of \$600 was set up by a constitutional amendment passed by the voters, and it was admitted by members of the committee that there is serious question as to the proposed salary hike for the solons would be constitutional.

But the committee members contended that there is "good ground" to believe that the amendment would stand the test of law on the grounds that the constitutional provision for the salary is a minimum rather than a maximum.

All Losing Money

"Every legislator coming to Salem for the session loses money. We think the bill will stand the test," Senator Ben Day pointed out that the constitution provides that the governor receive a salary of \$1,500 a year but that the present legislature recently voted an increase for the governor from \$11,000 to \$15,000. (Concluded on Page 5, Column 2)

Dim Hopes of Adjournment

Hopes that the 95-day-old legislative session would end Saturday night grew dimmer Thursday, as both houses faced a mountainous job of legislation. Some leaders predicted it would run until the middle of next week.

The controversial bill to reorganize school districts was made a special order of business in the House for Friday morning. It already has been passed by the Senate.

At the same time, the Senate will debate the House-passed resolution to let the Legislature locate institutions outside Marion County. This one was to have been argued Thursday but was set over to let the Marion County delegation organize arguments against the bill.

The Senate passed and sent to the House a bill to create the State Emergency Board. This is a 9-member legislative committee to make appropriations between legislative sessions.

Another bill approved by the Senate would prohibit race track touting, under which a person supplies race tips to bettors in order to get a cut of the bettor's winnings.

Death Blow Given Pinballs

An effort to legalize "free plays" on slot machines in Oregon was given a death blow by a subcommittee of the ways and means committee late Wednesday.

This bill, sponsored by John F. Steelhammer, speaker of the 1951 house of representatives, caused considerable furor when it was passed by the house several weeks ago.

Former Attorney General George Nuener issued a ruling that "free plays" won on slot machines were a thing of value and the proposed bill provided that such plays were not anything of value.

Steelhammer, appearing before the committee contended that the bill merely clarified the law and would bring the state tax money from machines that are being operated in many parts of the state in defiance of the attorney general's opinion.

The committee, composed of Senators Howard Belton of Canby and John C. F. Merrifield, Portland, and Representative Francis Ziegler of Corvallis, tabled the bill with almost no discussion. The action was unanimous.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 61; minimum today, 48. Total 24-hour precipitation: .18 for month; .21 normal. 125. Season precipitation, 36.58; normal, 35.85. River height, 4 of a foot. (Report by R. W. Weather Bureau.)

Ways-Means To Complete Labor Tonight

\$1,000,000 Approved For Emergency Fund

The joint ways and means committee expects to complete its labors with a night meeting Thursday, it was announced by the joint chairman, Senator Dean Walker and Representative Henry Semon.

The announcement was made after it was found that there were only a couple of bills remaining in the hands of the subcommittees and the members of such committee agreed to have their reports ready for action at the 8 p.m. meeting.

If the important ways and means committee succeeds in disposing of its work as scheduled, it will be the first time in recent legislative history that this committee wound up its work before the tax committees of both houses had completed their work.

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Pork Barrel Bill Defeated

The "Squirmin Herman" bill, which would give another dozen local shows and events a cut of state racing revenues, went down to a 40-18 defeat in the House Thursday.

And at the end of the argument, Rep. Herman Chindgren, Molalla, told the House: "Herman's squirmin' days are o'er, Herman yoozt won't squirm no more."

Chindgren is head of the County Fairs Association. If the bill had passed, it would have meant less money for the county fairs. That's why Herman has been squirmin'.

The House State and Federal Affairs Committee, which is disgraced because nine local shows already get a cut of the racing receipts, drafted the bill in order to make the whole set-up look ridiculous.

The payoff in the debate came when Rep. Lee Ohmart, Salem, asked for unanimous consent to give some of the race money to the "Pacific City fish-fry fly-in."

Retail Clerks Vote To Strike

By a 4 to 1 vote the retail grocery clerks of Salem, Dallas and Silverton went on record today in favor of a strike if their demands are not met by the store managements in the three cities.

The vote, taken by secret ballot at Labor Temple at 7 o'clock Thursday morning was 94 favoring a strike and 23 against.

The next step, according to John Moore, business agent for Local 992, Retail Clerks International association, will be to negotiate with the employers, and that will be resumed in a meeting at the Senator hotel Thursday night.

Demanding by the clerks are a 40-hour work week at the same salaries as now paid for a 48-hour week for men clerks and for the present 44 hours for women; and also insurance benefits.

The Thursday night meeting has been arranged by Harold E. Carson, secretary of the Oregon Independent Grocers association.

Business Agent Moore said today that 90 per cent of the men and women clerks employed in independent and chain grocery stores here are members of the union.

Fifth Prison Escapee Captured at Vancouver

William Carl Lind, 21, Oregon State Penitentiary escapee, was captured at Vancouver, Wash., early today by local police just after allegedly committing a robbery.

Lind escaped with four other convicts Monday afternoon. The others were captured less than an hour after the escape. Police said Lind broke in a skylight at Jaffe's Loan company in Vancouver and stole a gun and some money.

Officers stopped Lind as he walked down the street casting glances back over his shoulder. Lind told officers he stayed around Salem two days after

CLEARING IOOF CEMETERY REVEALS PAGAN ALTAR



Top: Construction of fence on the north side of Odd Fellows cemetery in a section used long ago for Chinese interment. Shown is C. D. Runner, city park employee, removing macabre debris for disposal. The site was once occupied by a sexton's shed. Lower: Chinese altar with inscriptions on a marble plaque inserted in the concrete form. This monument, overgrown by brush, has not been used for pagan rites in recent years.

Century-old Cemetery Improvement Starts

By BEN MAXWELL

City and county employees, and that is now being accomplished by county and city employees.

At present a fence is under construction along the north side of the cemetery where an area was dedicated to Chinese interment. Removal of brush

Most of the cemetery property passed out of lodge ownership decades ago before perpetuity in care became an important consideration. Lots with 16 grave spaces were sold for \$20 each or at a cost of \$1.25 for each gravesite. Then care of the cemetery was by owners of lots. But that was a half century or more ago. Since then the cemetery has been neglected and has become overgrown and seedy. The current session of the legislature enacted a bill that enables the county and the city to cooperate in improving appearances within the cemetery

Interest Rates Pushing Up

New York (AP)—The need for more money to run the nation's industries and farms grows. The cost of coming by the money is pushing up again.

Interest rates on mortgages feel the upward pressure. So do bank loans to business and agriculture.

Small-loan companies are paying higher rates today to borrow from banks so they may get the money to lend to buyers of autos and appliances.

Rates that brokers and dealers must pay for bank loans to buy and carry corporate securities are up again.

The U.S. treasury is paying more to borrow the money it needs to meet the growing deficit.

And corporations find they must pay more interest on the securities they sell the public to finance plant extension or to carry their business operations.

Perle Prepares For Coronation

London (AP)—Perle Mesta, America's full-of-bounce former minister to Luxembourg, flew into London Thursday to start planning a "bang-up coronation party."

Draped in a gray mink stole and flashing her most sociable smile, the 61-year-old socialite told reporters at London airport "my coronation party here on June 3 will be, I hope, a big event."

"I have arranged to stage it at London's famous old Londonderry House, where I will invite about 90 people to dinner and 120 to a dance afterwards," she added with enthusiasm.

Nation's Income Below Guesses

New York (AP)—Undersecretary of the Treasury Marion B. Folsom said Thursday present prospects are that the federal government's income this year will be "substantially below" the estimate made by former President Truman.

If these prospects materialize, he said, the new administration's problem of balancing the budget will be made more difficult.

Judgment must be suspended till the administration can determine how expenditures and income will compare in the next fiscal year, starting July 1, Folsom said.

Truman estimated receipts for this fiscal year, ending on June 30, at \$68,700,000,000.

Folsom did not say, in a speech before the special tax conference of the National Industrial Conference board here, by how much receipts would fall under the estimate.

As for timing of tax cuts, Folsom said the first reduction must come in the excess profits tax now being levied on business concerns and in individual income tax rates. He disclosed no specific recommendations in either of these cases.

Scattered Showers Says Weatherman

Rain was back in the weather picture for the valley again Thursday, a goodly amount of it, too. A total of .18 of an inch had fallen here in the 24-hour period ending at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, and the light showers continued throughout the morning.

A weak storm moved inland from the ocean last night and early today to bring the precipitation.

The forecast for tonight and Friday is for partly cloudy skies and only scattered showers through the period. Temperatures are a bit warmer than they have been in the low in Salem Thursday morning being 43.

Vote to Kill Rent Ceilings

Washington (AP)—The House Banking Committee Thursday approved an administration proposed bill by Chairman Wolcott R. Mich., to knock out rent ceilings April 30 on about five million housing units in 32 states.

Committee members said the vote, in a closed session, was 16 to 10.

Republicans were said to have solidly backed Wolcott's proposal despite pleas from the Eisenhower administration for an extension of general rent controls until Oct. 1.

Rep. Spence D. Ky. former chairman and senior Democrat on the committee told a reporter "it's another case of the Democrats fighting for the President's programs against the members of his own party."

Wolcott, denying any sharp dispute with the administration, said he looked for house passage of his bill early next week.

All wage, rent and price control powers expire April 30 unless extended.

Hells Canyon Bill Revised

Washington (AP)—A revised Hells Canyon bill was given congress Thursday as advocates of the controversial 400 million dollar Snake River project renewed their fight in its behalf.

Legislation which would authorize the big power project was introduced by Sen. Morse (Ind., Ore.) and by three Democratic House members, Reps. Plost of Idaho, Don Magnuson of Washington and Metcalf of Montana.

Similar legislation introduced in the last session of Congress provoked a storm of controversy and the bill died in committee after hearings. It runs headlong into proposals of the privately owned Idaho Power company to build a series of low-level dams along the stretch of the Snake River which would be flooded by Hells Canyon Dam.

Morse, in a 10,000-word speech prepared for delivery with introduction of the bill, said new language in the present bill "makes it increasingly difficult, if not impossible, for opponents of the project, already hard put to find fault, to declare that the irrigation structure of Idaho, present and future, is endangered."

Ike... Russia to Prove Peace Wanted, End War

Allies to Reply Friday on Red Truce Offer

Munsan, Korea (AP)—The U. N. command will tell the communists Friday whether it is ready to resume the long-stalled Korean armistice negotiations, and it is expected to say "yes."

The U.N. late Thursday night asked for a meeting to deliver a letter answering repeated Red requests to get the talks under way again. Negotiations were indefinitely suspended by the U.N. last October 8.

The request came only a few hours after the first group of allied sick and wounded from North Korea stockpiled at Kaesong, just six miles from freedom.

50 POW Non-Koreans Communist staff officers said half of the first 100 POWs to be exchanged Monday at Panmunjon are non-Koreans. U.N. officials were hopeful as many as 50 Americans will be freed. The communists have promised that 120 Americans will be among 600 U.N. prisoners returned.

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Chinese Reds Repulsed in Night Charge

Seoul (AP)—Chinese Reds up to 350 strong attacked Pork Chop Ridge and another western outpost about midnight Thursday, fought into allied trenches but were hurled back by U.S. defenders early Friday in hand-to-hand fighting.

A front-line division spokesman said the communists fought their way into the trenches on Pork Chop just before midnight.

The fight inside the American trenches lasted only a few minutes and the communists withdrew from the hill a few minutes later, the spokesman said.

Meanwhile, other communists hit Outpost Arsenal, at the base of nearby T-Bone Hill, but here too, they were repulsed.

By 1 a.m., fighting on both hill sectors had died down. Eighth army headquarters reported.

Plans Trap for Indochina Reds

Salgon, Indochina (AP)—French forces Thursday held back their big fire power as the communist-led Vietminh poured thousands more of their best fighting men into the kingdom of Laos. The French hope to trap the enemy when its communication lines are over extended.

The French hope eventually to bottle-up the invaders of the little mountain kingdom by striking at a strategic point with the full fire-power from U. S. supplied guns, an Army spokesman said. The Vietminh continued their campaign against Laos without a major clash.

French and Laotian troops, after pulling out of Samnuea, are pushing through the jungle and mountainous terrain to reach Xiengkhouang, 200 miles southwest of Hanoi, where they are expected to make a stubborn stand.

Malan Victor in African Election

Pretoria, South Africa (AP)—Prime Minister Daniel Malan won the South African elections with possibly a doubled majority for his party in Parliament.

Leading newspapers in opposition to the Prime Minister's race policies conceded he had won Tuesday's polling. Thursday night, Malan was forging still farther ahead. At that time returns gave his Nationalists 54 seats, the United Party 49 and the Labor Party 4.

There were 46 results outstanding, and 39 of these are in cast-iron Nationalist strongholds.

The opposition move also knocked the wind out of a massive demonstration Thursday morning supporting the premier by some 20,000 persons, at least 5,000 of them from the communist Tudeh.

From early morning, Tehran was keyed to a high pitch of excitement as crowds converged on the Majlis square.

Portland Housing Group Made Quick \$500,000

Washington (AP)—A house appropriations committee investigator asserted tonight that the Portland, Ore., housing authority made a quick \$500,000 profit on land turned over to it at cost by the Federal Public Housing Administration.

The report of the investigator, who was not identified, was made public in a record of a hearing on PHA appropriations before a house appropriations subcommittee.

Some 5,100 dwelling units and 415 acres were involved, the report said.

"The Housing Authority realized a profit of over \$500,000 on the immediate resale of 72 acres," the report said. The property sold, in the "Guilds lake tract," was described in the report as "one of the most desirable industrial areas in Portland."

Challenge Reds To Disarm and Outlaw A-Bomb

By MERRIMAN SMITH
Washington (AP)—President Eisenhower challenged Russia's new leaders today to prove their will for peace by ending the Korean war, lifting the Iron Curtain from satellite countries and joining a world disarmament pact that would outlaw atomic weapons.

He seized the diplomatic initiative from the Communists in a major foreign policy speech listing specific "deeds" the Russians can perform to demonstrate the sincerity of their recent peace talk.

He said the death of Soviet Premier Josef Stalin has given his Kremlin successors "a precious chance to turn the black tide of events" sweeping the world toward atomic war, but warned that "we do not yet know" whether they mean to do it.

Just Settlement
Mr. Eisenhower interrupted his golfing vacation at Augusta, Ga., and flew here to deliver the 3,500-word address before the American Society of Newspaper Editors. He planned to return to Augusta late this afternoon.

Diplomatic circles hailed the speech as a "momentous" declaration of the new administration's readiness to negotiate a just cold war settlement with Russia.

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Red UN Bloc Wants Truce

United Nations, N. Y. (AP)—The Soviet bloc withdrew its own controversial Korean proposals Thursday and joined the rest of the U. N. in an appeal for further talks at Panmunjon.

The appeal expressed hope these talks will lead to a Korean armistice, but made no attempt to suggest settlement terms.

The unanimous vote in the U.N.'s 60-nation Political Committee, believed to be the first on a Korean issue, was on a Western-backed Brazilian resolution.

Soviet support came after Poland withdrew an omnibus Communist peace package which included Korean armistice proposals.

Polish Foreign Minister Stanislaw Skrzyszewski told the U.N.'s 60-nation political committee he was dropping completely the section of his plan calling for an immediate cease-fire in Korea and would not press for a vote on other sections at this assembly session.

81 Rescued on Burning Vessel

Los Angeles (AP)—All 81 members of a burning British freighter were forced to take to lifeboats in the Pacific Thursday and later were saved by an American vessel that responded to an SOS.

Attempts were being made to save the British vessel, Meneathus, which was carrying a general cargo from the East Coast to the Orient.

The fire broke out in the engine room and was still burning five hours after it was reported, Coast Guard officials said.

The American vessel Navajo Victory went to the rescue off Magdalena Bay in Baja California, 460 miles south of San Diego, Calif. In Los Angeles the ship's agent, Funch, Edye and Co., reported that everyone was rescued and there were no injuries.

Deportation Hearing For Portland Unionist

Portland (AP)—A deportation hearing will be held here May 12 for John J. Fougere, who has held a number of offices in the Portland longshore local.

He is accused of having been a member of the Communist Party since his entry into this country 30 years ago. He was arrested in 1951, and has been free on bond since. The government said he is a French national.