

THE WEATHER

CLOUDY WITH intermittent rain tonight, Saturday. Continued mild. Low tonight, 40; high Saturday, 48.

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May Ask Court For Ruling On Land Purchase

Location for New Institution Needs Legal Clearance

By JAMES D. OLSON
Members of the State Emergency Board Friday were considering means of placing a request before the State Supreme Court for a declaratory judgment on the question of the Board of Control's right to purchase property in Marion County on which the proposed \$1,500,000 intermediate institution will be located.

Low Bids for Highway Jobs

PORTLAND (UP)—Jed Wilson of Seaside, with an offer of \$112,731, was low bidder today on a Clatsop county paving project when the State Highway Commission opened bids at its regular meeting here.

Loot Pawnshop \$20,000 Gems

PORTLAND (UP)—Detective George York, making his regular rounds, stepped into a pawn shop Friday morning 30 seconds after two men had fled with an estimated \$20,000 worth of gems and jewelry and between \$600 and \$1,000 in cash.

Industrial Fair For Salem Plan

The public relations committee of the Salem Industrial Development Council voted Friday to investigate an industrial fair for Salem.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 38; minimum 24; 24-hour precipitation, .24; for month, 1.56; normal, 4.10; season average, 55.40; normal, 22.46; River height, 6.9 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

Chinook Gale And Rain End Frigid Spell

Heavy Snow in Cascades and Highways Blocked by Slides

By MARIAN LOWRY FISCHER
Downpours of rain and gusty winds swept over Salem and valley regions late Thursday and early Friday morning, quickly washing away what snow was left around in shady spots.

Cost of Living Said Stabilized

WASHINGTON (UP)—The cost of living dropped less than one-tenth of 1 per cent in December, a minor movement which the Bureau of Labor Statistics saw as evidence of "continued stability" in the economy.

Record Snow in Inland Empire

SPOKANE (UP)—A near-record snowfall blanketed eastern Washington and northern Idaho today and rain mixed with snow was general throughout much of Washington.

Demos Block Vote on Beeson

WASHINGTON (UP)—Democrats blocked a vote in the Senate Labor Committee Friday on the nomination of Albert C. Beeson to the National Labor Relations Board, bringing a protest of "filibuster" from Chairman Smith (R-N.J.).

Idaho Power Hopes to Start Dam Within Year

Robert Ball, assistant to the president of the Idaho Power company, told 25 Salem business men Thursday night that his company hopes to be in actual construction on its three dams on the Snake river within another year.

DULLES IN BERLIN



U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles talks to newsmen on arrival at Berlin's Tempelhof airport today after a flight from Washington. Dulles was the first of the Big Four foreign ministers to arrive for the conference which opens Monday. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Berlin.)

Officials for Merged Electric Power Lines

PORTLAND (UP)—President Paul B. McKee of Pacific Power & Light Company today announced names of new officials of the company in connection with the proposed merger of PP&L with Mountain States Power company.

Expansion of Cotton Area

WASHINGTON (UP)—The Senate completed congressional action Friday on a bill increasing this year's cotton planting by more than three million acres under controls already voted by cotton farmers.

Judge Clark On Warpath

NEW YORK (UP)—Former Federal Judge William Clark, who has been feuding with the State Department on two continents and on islands far at sea, has asked for a passport so he can gather more ammunition.

2 Ships at Sea Seek Freighter

ASTORIA (UP)—Two vessels moved out of here Friday morning, answering a radio appeal for help from the Greek freighter Aristoteles, 1,200 miles off the coast.

ned Pro-Red POW start on Sit-Down Strike

Big 3 Arrive In Berlin; Wait For Molotov

BERLIN (UP)—U. S. Secretary of State Dulles, French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault and British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden reached Berlin Friday for a Big Four conference opening Monday.

Hitch in Plans For New Span On Columbia

PORTLAND (UP)—A hitch in plans for a new Interstate bridge between Portland and Vancouver was reported to the State Highway Commission today.

Plan to Trim Ike's Budget

WASHINGTON (UP)—A Republican congressional leader said today Congress easily could shave three billion dollars off President Eisenhower's request for appropriations and perhaps balance the budget for the next fiscal year.

Hope for Tug Mite Vanishes

BELLINGHAM, Wash. (UP)—Hope dwindled to the vanishing point Friday for the tug Mite and the two men who vanished with it on a trip from Lummi Island Wednesday night.

British Embassy Stoned in Spain

MADRID (UP)—Two thousand students, shouting for the return of Gibraltar to Spain broke through police lines today and stoned the British Embassy.

13,000 Books Burned in Tokyo

TOKYO (UP)—A public book-burning destroyed 13,000 books in downtown Tokyo today.

French Staging 'Big' Offensive

TUY HOA, Indo-China (UP)—French tanks and troops moved deeper today into some of Eastern Indo-China's richest provinces which, until two days ago, were Communist strongholds.

Alpine Snows Cause Floods

VIENNA (UP)—Thawing Alpine snows sent torrents of icy water crashing today into the lowlands of Western Austria where avalanches last week killed more than 120 persons.

Baney on Trial For Murder

LITTLETON, Colo. (UP)—Three witnesses have identified John H. Baney, 32, as the escort of a Denver woman the night before she died after reporting a rape assault.

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Indian Guards Leave Them in Old Compound

PANMUNJOM (UP)—The Korean War prisoners who stirred world wide controversy by their refusal to go home were turned loose Saturday.

Korea Front Troops Alerted

TOKYO (UP)—The situation in Korea reached a new climax today and U. N. troops all along the 155-mile armistice front were on the alert.

Slide Blocks Rail Traffic to Seattle

VANCOUVER, Wash. (UP)—An earth and rock slide poured down on the main line Portland-Seattle rail line 10 miles north of here Friday morning.

Sharp Cut Looms in Basin Irrigation Plan

EPHRATA, Wash. (UP)—The manager of the Columbia Basin Project said Friday that President Eisenhower's budget recommendations will mean a sharp cut in the basin's 1956 irrigation program.

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