

THE WEATHER

SHOWERS TONIGHT and Saturday, partial clearing with patches of fog tonight and early Saturday. Little change in temperature; low tonight, 34; high Saturday, 48.

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SCENE IN SUNNY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



CAMP BALDY, Calif., Jan. 20—Several feet of snow has turned this vacation resort into a picture-postcard land following Tuesday's heavy storm which left most mountain areas—and even the desert—covered with a mantle of white. Sunny skies began to change it yesterday. Cars at left and right had been left parked beside a private road. Camp Baldy is about 45 miles northeast of Los Angeles. (AP Wirephoto.)

Salary Raise Proposed for Legislators

Annual Pay of \$2500 Plus \$10 a Day Expenses Sought

By JAMES D. OLSON
An annual salary of \$2500 plus \$10 a day expenses for legislators while the assembly is in session is provided in a resolution scheduled for introduction in the senate early next week.
The resolution to be introduced by Senator Gene Brown (R-Grants Pass) calls for a constitutional amendment to be submitted to a vote of the people.
Sen. Brown doesn't think legislators, at the current rate of \$600 a year and no expenses, are being paid enough with the result that many worthy citizens in the state refuse to run for legislative seats.
The subject of pay has always been a touchy one in the legislature and for years Oregon went along at \$3 a day for a maximum of 50 days even when sessions were regularly running 70, 80 and even 100 days.
In 1951 the legislature submitted the \$600 a year proposal to the people and it was approved. Then in 1953 the lawmakers submitted a proposal which would give them power to set their own salaries.
This was turned down by the voters.
There are two distinct schools of thought in the legislature on salaries. One school of thought contends that only those who can afford to come to the legislature without counting the cost should run.

Two Dead by Gas Fumes

Two men were found dead from asphyxiation at a North Salem motel Friday morning, apparently accidentally gassed, city police reported.

They were identified as Buford E. Conway, 49, and Denzel Weston, 28, both of Portland.
Officers said the two men were found in their bed about 10 o'clock by Edward Gabriel, proprietor of the Cherry City cottages, 2500 Fairgrounds road, who said he had noticed lights on all night in the cabin and no sign of life during the morning.
Jets on the gas range in the kitchen were on, officers said, but there was no indication of contemplated suicide. Apparently the jets had been accidentally turned on or had been turned on and forgotten before they were ignited, they said.
City first aidmen said they had been dead 24 hours or more. The bodies were taken to the Howell-Edwards Funeral home pending notification of relatives by Coroner Leaton E. Howell.

Chicago Fire in Tenement

CHICAGO (AP)—A raging fire flashed through a West Side tenement and trapped occupants on upper floors Friday. A deputy coroner first reported five persons were lost, then cut the figure to three.
Three other occupants of the building were injured, in a way from windows when escape by a pass from a stairway was cut off by flames. About 20 other persons who lived in the building fled safely to the snow-covered street.
Firemen said all the dead were trapped on the fourth floor of the building at 422 Blue Island Ave. They estimated the three upper floors of the building were occupied by about 20 persons.
Louis Logisios, 50, a restaurant worker, who lives in a room on the second floor, told newsmen he discovered the fire upon arriving at the building at 6 a.m.

Rain and Warmer Weather, Weekend

Rain and slightly warmer temperatures were in the valley's weather picture Friday, with indications such weather would continue for a few days. The Friday morning minimum in Salem was 39 degrees.
The five-day forecast calls for temperatures near normal with recurring rains, total precipitation to be heavier than it has been.
The highway commission advised motorists to carry chains in traveling over all mountain pass routes.
Travel on the Pacific highway in southern Oregon and northern California was impossible without chains Friday, the highway report stated.

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 45; minimum today, 39. Total 24-hour precipitation, .06; for month, 2.2; normal, 3.54. Season precipitation, 18.8; normal, 22.35. River height, 1.3 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

Senate Votes Portland State College Bill

Extension Center Made Full University With Degrees

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR., Associated Press Correspondent
The Oregon State Senate voted 24 to 2 Friday to make the Portland State College independent, with authority to grant degrees. The bill goes to the House.
Portland State now is an extension center of the state division of higher education, with 2,300 day students and 3,100 night students.
The only opposition votes were cast by Sens. Truman A. Chase and Donald R. Husband, both of Eugene, which is the location of the University of Oregon.
Sen. Rudie Wilhelm Jr., Portland, author of the bill, asked for its passage to supply the needs of Portland students who can't afford to go out of town to college.
"We need more trained minds to meet the problems of the world," he said.
Answering arguments that the bill might be unconstitutional because no institution can be located outside of Marion County without a vote of the people, Wilhelm cited an attorney general's opinion that it is constitutional. This ruling held that Portland State is not a separate institution, but is a branch of the Board of Higher Education.
Husband argued that the state can't afford another institution, asserting "there's plenty of room for more students in existing schools. The quality of the education would be reduced because the money would be spread too thinly."
The Board of Higher Education, which supports the bill, estimated that Portland State might grow larger than either the University of Oregon or Oregon State College.

Action Delayed In O&C Case

WASHINGTON (AP)—District Court Judge Alexander Holtzoff Friday continued for two weeks a hearing on a petition by Clackamas County, Ore., seeking to force distribution of 7 million dollars to 18 Western Oregon counties.
He acted after the government urged postponement pending disposition of a proposed application to the Supreme Court for dismissal of the county's suit.
A. W. Lafferty, Portland attorney for the county, urged the motion be granted.
The action results from a suit seeking distribution of timber sale receipts impounded pending settlement of a controversy whether 472,000 acres of Western Oregon timber land should be considered part of the Oregon and California (O & C) Railroad Land Grant or the national forest.
As O & C land, the counties would receive 75 per cent of the receipts. Only 25 per cent would go to them if the lands were national forest land.

Air Schedules Regular Again

Salem's United Air Lines flights, which were disrupted Thursday with the grounding temporarily of the company's Convairs, were all back on schedule and flights were being made by Convairs.
First flight made in here by the Convairs Friday was southbound 374, which arrived at 9:45 a.m.
United resumed operations of its Convair fleet in cities along the system at 8 a.m. Friday after a 32-hour voluntary and precautionary suspension of all Convair flights. The suspension followed an emergency landing of a Convair in Iowa Wednesday afternoon without injury to either the 36 passengers or crew members.
J. A. Herlihy, vice president of engineering and maintenance for United, said a thorough investigation of the plane revealed the Iowa accident was due to failure of a bolted connection of the elevated control system. Herlihy said that government officials participating in the investigation concurred in the findings.
The 54 other Convairs in UAL's fleet were re-checked to insure all control systems were in mechanically proper condition and that there could be no repetition of the Iowa accident.
The twin-engine 44-passenger Convairs of United have flown almost 34,000,000 miles without a passenger injury. They serve 56 cities on the company's system.

French Debate on Africa Postponed

PARIS (AP)—The National Assembly voted by 519 to 106 (Communists) Friday to postpone immediate debate on France's North African problems and get back to work, as urged by Premier Pierre Mendes-France, on the national budget.

Boston Prison Rebellion Reported as Settled

BOSTON (AP)—Four long-term desperadoes surrendered Tuesday in an ancient Massachusetts State Prison, turning over their weapons to a civic committee, which gave them no "bargain or deal."
The convicts at the same time released five guards and six fellow inmates they had held hostage in the solitary cell block since early last Tuesday.
Edwin D. Canham, editor of the Christian Science Monitor, and member of the seven-man committee, said the only thing promised the rebellious convicts was to do "everything in our power to work with state officials to get something so that these convicts would have some hope for the future."
The civilian committee, formed only Thursday night, met with the convicts early Friday morning and

Council Fight Edges In Bonesteel Favor

The Ward 7 scrap for a seat on the City Council, now deadlocked, appeared Friday to be edging in favor of Russell Bonesteel, and away from Lloyd Hammel.
Inquiry from both sides indicated that the four members who voted for Bonesteel at the January 10 meeting were going to hang tough, while the other side, which also had four votes at that time for Hammel, was going to divide between Hammel and Cecil Lantz. It was said the latter would probably be nominated Monday night. At the January 10 meeting only Bonesteel and Hammel were nominated. The council will again vote on the office Monday night.
Alderman Clayton Jones, who was on the Hammel side, was noncommittal on that subject, but he is going to be pretty busy on another matter Monday night in which he is interested, and which probably will not be a matter on which the council will draw factional lines. This is a readjustment of the loading zone situation in the downtown district, with elimination of several obsolete zones.
Jones first showed an interest in this matter several weeks ago when he blocked a move to have meters restored in front of the cleaning establishment of Glenn Burright at 198 South Church. Burright was against the meters. (Continued on Page 5 Column 3)

McNeil Island Con Plot Fails

McNeil Island Penitentiary, Wash. (AP)—David Leroy Latham's plan to use acting Warden L. T. Gollaber as a hostage in an attempted prison break was foiled Thursday because Gollaber stepped out of his office.
Richard D. Auerbach, special agent in charge of the Seattle Federal Bureau of Investigation office, told the story.
Latham, 22, serving time from Los Angeles for transporting a stolen auto across state lines, early Thursday slipped out of his cell-house and joined prisoners in a work gang.
He stroled away from the gang, telling a guard who questioned him he was assigned to the prison offices. Auerbach said, then made his first slip. The guard, not satisfied, followed and Latham started to run.
Auerbach said Latham darted into Gollaber's office brandishing a knife he had produced from his shirt. But Gollaber had stepped out and finding the office empty upset the plans. Other guards arrived, disarmed Latham and led him back to his cell.

Israel to Buy Kitimat Junk

VANCOUVER, B. C. (AP)—Two bargain hunters from the Israeli government are here to look over 24 million dollars worth of construction equipment declared surplus by the Aluminum Co. of Canada.
The equipment was used in Alcan's three-year project building a smelter-powerhouse development at Kitimat and Kemano, B. C., 400 miles north of here.
Chanan Yavor, delegate of the ministry of agriculture and Major Aron Lesheim of the public works department, will fly north to Kitimat Friday.
They said their country needs everything they've seen of the equipment so far, and would like to buy it all "if the price is right."
"If it's suitable," Major Lesheim said, "we might take most of it. Major item of course is the condition and the price."

Self-Service by Robber Yields Cash

KENNEWICK, Wash. (AP)—A man walked into a Kennewick supermarket Thursday night and asked the manager, "Is this a self-service store?"
With the aid of a gun, he answered his own question and helped himself to a sack full of \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills.
A man identified as Robert Naimy, Pasco insurance salesman, was arrested a short time later. Police said a quantity of money was recovered.

Self-help Plan For Dairymen

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Westland (R-Wash.) Thursday introduced his dairymen's "self help" plan under which the industry, in effect, would subsidize itself.
He said the plan has the unanimous support of the National Milk Producers Federation and would "relieve the taxpayer of the burden of the price support program for dairy products and at the same time assure a fair return to the dairy farmer."
Under the bill dairy prices would be supported "at fair levels" through a fund to be collected from each producer on the basis of his milk production.
This stabilization fee would be geared to production, running higher in time of excessive surplus production and low when production is in line with demand.

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