

City News
THE WEATHER
OREGON: Probably rain tonight; Tuesday generally fair with heavy frosts in the morning; continued cool, moderate northwest winds. Temperature today: minimum, 37 degrees. Maximum Sunday, 54. Precipitation today, .44 of an inch. Stage of river, 7.6 feet. Direction of wind, southwest.

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LANE ACCIDENT FATAL

STORM IN EAST FATAL; SCORES BADLY INJURED

Property Damage is Estimated at More Than \$1,500,000 in Storm Belt

Fire Completes Destruction in Towns Where Wind Sweeps Through

CHICAGO, April 20.—(AP)—A severe wind and rain storm, approaching the proportions of a tornado in some localities, swept a course from the Mississippi to New England yesterday. Several persons were killed and in the neighborhood of two score injured while property damage was estimated at \$1,500,000.

New England was deluged with snow and low temperatures were reported at many points. Scores of buildings were destroyed or unroofed, trees were felled, boats were beached and telephone, telegraph and power service crippled while fire in some towns completed destruction in the wake of high winds and driving rains.

Churches Struck. Churches were marked sufferers, the roofs or steeples of several being carried away while services were in progress within, but without injury to congregations. Two persons were killed in Peoria, Ill., in the collapse of a building while a man was electrocuted at Macomb, Ill., when he picked up a live wire blown down by the storm.

Ten were injured at Wheeling, Va., 15 at Pittsburgh; two at Millbrook, Pa., and a dozen others in scattered towns throughout the storm area.

In central Illinois, Peoria and Pekin were the hardest hit. In Peoria, where property damage was estimated at \$500,000, two night watchmen were killed when a five story brick block crumbled.

Panic in Peoria. The storm in Peoria drove families to the streets in panic. A repetition of the recent storm that swept through the southern part of the state was feared, and through the business quarter plate glass windows were shattered by hail.

The schooners were beached at Racine, Wis., when torn loose from their moorings. Four and one-half inches of snow fell in Duluth. The snowfall at Wardsville, N. H., was reported at 14 inches.

TESTIMONY HEARD AGAINST WHEELER

GREAT FALLS, Mont., April 20.—(AP)—Testimony that Senator Burton K. Wheeler agreed to "fix things up" in Washington, for his client, Gordon Campbell, Montana oil operator, was given in the trial of the Montana senator here today by L. J. Wertheimer, formerly a stock salesman for Campbell.

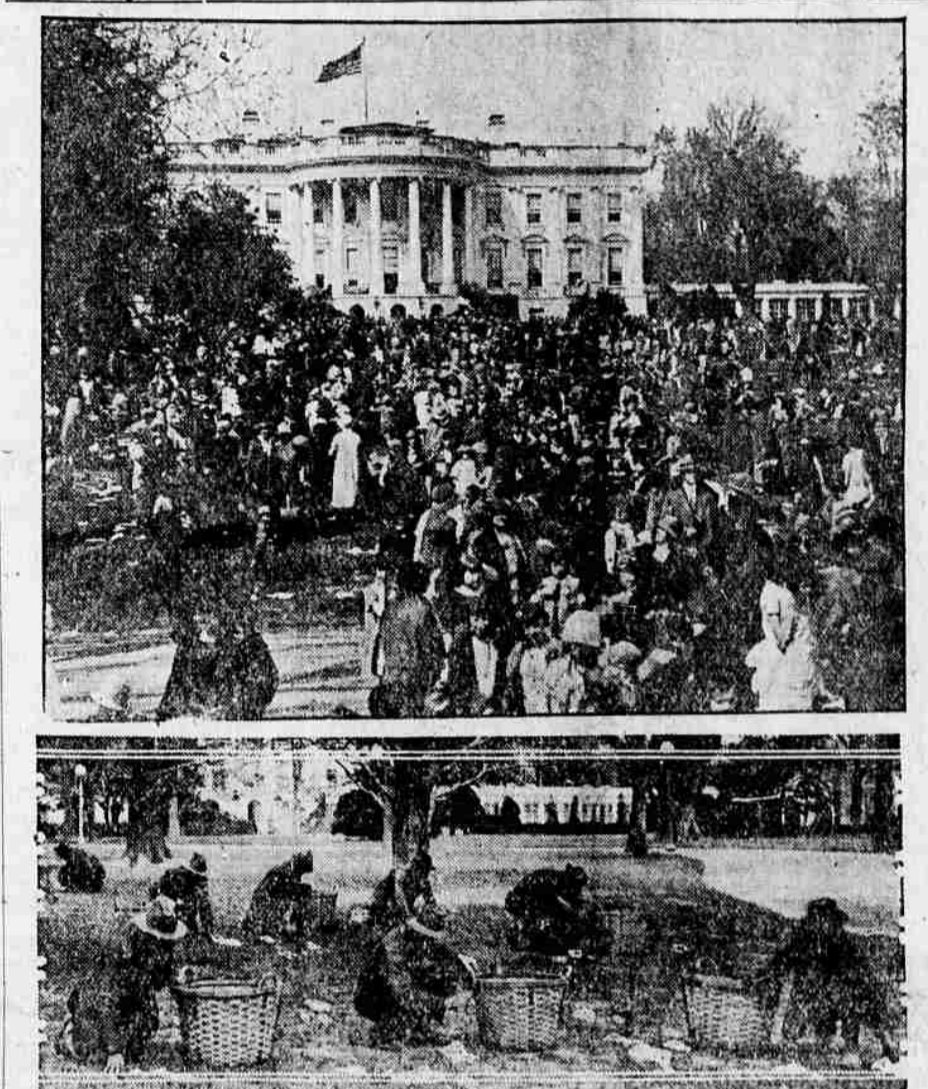
Wertheimer said Wheeler's remark was made during a general discussion of Campbell's oil prospecting permits obtained from the department of the interior. The government charges that Wheeler wrongfully used his influence before the interior department in prosecution of Campbell's claims.

Under cross-examination Wertheimer said that the remark about "fixing things up" referred to the abiding of Campbell to transfer titles to certain lands from one of his companies to another for the purpose of organizing a \$10,000,000 concern.

Northern Pacific President Dies

HELENA, Mont., April 20.—A. M. Burt, president of the Northern Pacific, died on his private car this afternoon at 1 o'clock at Jamestown, N. D., according to word received here. Mr. Burt was on an inspection tour. He had succeeded the late J. M. Knappe as vice-president.

Throngs Attend Annual Egg Rolling on the White House Lawn



Vast throngs attended the annual egg rolling on the lawn of the White House. Children waited eagerly for a year for the day when they might roll their eggs around the spacious lawns and see the first lad of the land, who was their hostess. The lower picture shows caretakers at their work on the day after the egg rolling. They were kept busy for some time, clearing away the debris of the day before.

EUGENE BUILDING CLOSE TO MILLION

Eugene's building record for 1925 is speedily closing in on the million dollar mark, reports W. H. Alexander, city inspector of buildings.

April's total today passed \$100,000, and will exceed \$200,000 in the coming 10 days, it is believed. With \$154,000 in addition to the present total, the million dollar mark will have been passed.

"The bad weather of the last few days has held up building temporarily," says Mr. Alexander. "When clear weather comes again we may expect a sudden increase again."

April's figure was swelled by the addition of \$23,000 in new expense for the Laura B. Paine theater building and apartments, 784 Eleventh avenue east. This brings the total cost for this project to \$53,000.

Total of new homes for 1925 at present is 35, with the addition of two new residence permits issued today, to K. L. Blake, to erect a modern residence, costing approximately \$4000 at 1330 Twentieth avenue west, and to Clyde McDougal, for a \$2500 residence at 1551 Eleventh avenue west.

Soviet Russia not To Participate in Arms Conference

GENEVA, April 20.—(AP)—Soviet Russia has refused to participate in the forthcoming conference on control of the traffic in arms.

Foot of Snow Falls in Upper McKenzie District Saturday

A foot of fresh snow fell Saturday night a short distance above Alder Springs, near the summit of the Cascades, according to Arthur T. Moses, of the Cascade National forest office, who returned from a fishing trip up the McKenzie yesterday.

The snowfall was general in the higher altitude up the McKenzie, he said.

SNOW AT CRATER MEDFORD, Ore., April 20.—A new record for depth of snow at Crater Lake for this time of year was announced today, the total being over 17 feet, with snow still falling.

Rain was general throughout the valley today, the total for the month to date being 1.82 inches—far above the average for April.

BEND IS WHITE

BEND, Ore., April 20.—More than an inch of snow covered the ground this morning and snow continued to fall. The snow followed a considerable fall in temperature but there was no wind.

While there have been flurries of snow several times during the last week at no time has the ground been white as it was this morning. While the snow melted on down town pavements it gave no indication of forsaking at once the other spots.

JUNCTION CITY HAS ROBBERY AT STORE

Reports of the robbery of the cash and carry grocery bakery and market at Junction City were received this morning at the office of Sheriff Frank E. Taylor. The message to Sheriff Taylor stated that about \$85 in cash was missing from the store which had been entered this morning through a rear window, the screen having been removed. The grocery lost \$4.25, the bakery \$2, and about \$80 was taken from the market.

A number of checks taken from the market were found today on the railroad tracks. A bundle of clothing taken from the store was wrapped as though ready to be taken by the thief.

CITY COUNCIL TO ASSEMBLE TONIGHT

A special meeting of the city council has been called by Mayor E. B. Parks, for tonight, to consider business that cannot wait until the next regular session, April 27. Several ordinances are on the program for passage, including the one approving the city commission.

A report by the board of canvassers, consisting of Mayor Parks and Judge George A. Gilmore on the municipal election April 15, will be read to the council, and the mayor's proclamation, setting forth the results of the election will also be given. These two reports are required by city ordinance.

Referred matters will require the rest of the council's time, and it is believed that action will again be urged toward re-establishing the geographical union, at a meeting held yesterday at the labor temple in Portland. Delegates to the conference from Portland, Eugene, Salem, Albany and Corvallis attended the session. About 15 from Eugene made the trip.

A banquet was given for the delegates and their wives at the Multnomah hotel yesterday evening by Typographical union No. 58 of Portland. A dance and card party had been given the night before.

FIRST POINT IN SHIP SUIT WON UNDER RULING

Justice Hitz Decides to Proceed With Motion of Counsel

Plan is to Drop Injunction Suit Against Proposal To Make Sale

WASHINGTON, April 20.—(AP)—The government today won its first point at the hearing on the Pacific Mail injunction suit when Justice Hitz in the supreme court of the District of Columbia decided to proceed with the motion of government counsel to dismiss the suit.

Lengthy argument by counsel for both sides preceded the court's initial decision in the promised legal battle, growing out of the sale by the shipping board to the Dollar interests of the five president-type ships operated on the California-Orient line.

Motion Opposed. Opposing immediate consideration of the motion to dismiss, counsel of the Pacific Mail urged that it be combined with the petition for a permanent injunction and the case be proceeded with, "on its merits."

Meanwhile the situation was engaging the direct attention of President Coolidge.

Chairman O'Connor of the board was understood to have received from the president a letter taking formal cognizance of the differences within the board as asking for certain information with respect to the disagreement over the sale of five ships to the Dollar interests. The president, who previously had indicated he considered the matter one of the board's own judgment was said to have addressed the letter to the board chairman after Vice-Chairman Plummer and Commissioner Thompson, two of the three members, who opposed the sale, had filed affidavits with the court Saturday setting forth their views.

Sale is Fought. The injunction proceedings to halt the sale were brought by the Pacific Mail Steamship company, the only other bidder for the ships, which they now operate.

The sale was awarded the Dollar interests by a four to three vote of the board after counsel for the board had declared the Pacific mail bid illegal.

In presenting their affidavits, Commissioners Plummer and Thompson stated their views why neither bid should have been accepted as a matter of policy and why, in their opinion, the sale as awarded was illegal.

The action of two of the dissenting members in thus carrying their contentions into court, with indications that it means a full airing there of the board's differences, apparently caused the president to abandon his hands off policy.

Complete silence has been maintained, both at the White House and the shipping board concerning the letter said to have been addressed to the chairman by the president.

It is understood, however, that it is in the nature of an initial move to submit formally the already published names of the three commissioners who voted against the sale. Commissioner Benson being the other member, and their reasons for opposing it, as a starting point for consideration of the entire shipping board situation.

Judge Belt of Spokane Killed

SALEM, Ore., April 20.—Judge George W. Belt of Spokane, who was killed in a traffic accident in that city Saturday night, was an uncle of Justice Harry H. Belt and a brother-in-law of Justice George H. Burnett, both of the Oregon supreme court. He was a brother of Mrs. Burnett, who died about a year ago.

No Immediate Rail Extension Plans are Held

PORTLAND, Ore., April 20.—No plans for extension of the Union Pacific's central Oregon railroad line from Burns to Bend and from Bend to connection with the Southern Pacific's Eugene-Klamath Falls line are seriously considered while the question is pending before the interstate commerce commission, according to Carl R. Gray, president, who spent Sunday in Portland enroute to Puget Sound.

Gray reported that railway traffic is below normal for this season of the year, but he believes it will increase as summer approaches.

NOAH GROSS, 85, EUGENE PIONEER, PASSES AT HOME

Noah Gross, for 37 years a resident of Eugene, and a member of the firm of Gross Brothers, Foundry, died at the home of his son, Frank L. Gross, at 313 Eighth avenue east, Sunday, at the age of 85 years.

He is survived by three sons, Frank L. Gross, and Mike Gross, both of Eugene, and R. E. Gross, of Long Beach, Cal.; three daughters, Mrs. Bettie Jarvis of Seaside, Mrs. Pearl Chick of Goldendale, Wash., and Mrs. Della Eddy, of Olympia, Wash.

Mr. Gross was born in Mason, Missouri, August 11, 1840. He moved to Fresno, Cal., in 1885, and came to Eugene three years later, in 1888, and has resided here since then. He was associated with his sons in the Gross Brothers Foundry as a mechanic and pattern maker, in which profession he was well skilled.

Mr. Gross was a member of the Christian Science church. Funeral services will be held at the Veatch chapel, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with the Christian Science church in charge. Interment will be in church in charge. Interment will be in

FARMERS TO BUILD COMMUNITY HALL

SPRINGFIELD, April 20.—(Special)—A new community hall, to cost in the neighborhood of \$2000 is to be built two miles east of Springfield by the Mount Vernon Farmers union. Excavation for laying the concrete foundations is now under way. The union has purchased two two-acre Skarman tract on which to erect the hall. The building work is being done by the men of the Mount Vernon local, under the direction of L. R. Hunt, president of the Jasper local. It will probably take two months to complete.

The new building has a main meeting hall 40 by 90 feet, with a stage built in one end measuring 12 by 16 feet. Special features of the plans include a dining room, kitchen, bath, nursery, and a men's smoking and card room. The local has been meeting in a store building in Douglas Gardens up to this time.

Today's Baseball

Table with columns for NATIONAL and AMERICAN leagues, listing games between Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Boston, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, and Philadelphia.

At Philadelphia—Washington-Philadelphia game, postponed, cold weather.

BLACK BUTTE WOMAN KILLED IN CAR CRASH

Mrs. George M. Swineheart, Formerly of Eugene, is Auto Victim

Dies on Way to Local Hospital; Many Other Accidents Reported

Mrs. George M. Swineheart, 35, of Black Butte, was fatally injured in an automobile accident at Main and Sixth streets, Cottage Grove, at 8:30 o'clock this morning. She died on her way to a Eugene hospital.

The accident occurred when C. H. Busse, manager of the Standard Oil company at Cottage Grove, swerved his car to avoid crashing into a truck. His roadster struck Mrs. Swineheart, and she was thrown to the pavement. Her skull was fractured.

Mrs. Swineheart was formerly a nurse at the Mercy hospital in Eugene, and she and her husband had lived here until last fall when they moved to Black Butte. She was postmaster at Black Butte at the time of her death. Mr. Swineheart formerly worked for the Booth-Kelly Lumber company at Mohawk.

MANY ACCIDENTS HERE. Week-end automobile accidents in and about Eugene were the heaviest of the year, according to reports turned in to the police department today. Slippery streets, careless drivers and other causes appear on the records of the nine accidents filed up to noon today.

The reports were as follows: G. R. Glover, 685 Twenty-fourth avenue east, and Dr. R. W. Matepon, 1021 Corbett building, Portland, accident at Sixth avenue and Lincoln street.

George Misfeldt, 1590 Villard street, accident at Eleventh avenue and Patterson street.

Art Aldrich, Crow stage, and M. W. Smith, Morris Lumber company, accident four miles north of Albany.

B. F. Scalfie, 1798 Fairmount and R. E. Bryson, 850 Lincoln street.

H. F. Storey, Crow stage, and Erwin Lee, accident at Tenth and Willamette. Lee's car, officers believe, bore a fake license, as the number reports was 350-890, and no Oregon license of that number has been issued.

Ray M. Whipp, 1101 Eighth avenue. (Continued on page five)

Astoria Clothing Store is Burned

ASTORIA, Ore., April 20.—The Dollar and Kohnitz mens clothing store was burned out early today. A woman Miss Riggers, was slightly injured when she jumped from a second story window of the Dixie rooming house above a portion of the store.

The entire stock of the store was destroyed or badly damaged. The store was located in a wooden building.

Many Tourists are Visiting Eugene

Thirteen motor tourist parties from other states were at the office of the Eugene chamber of commerce before noon today to obtain temporary Oregon licenses. All the tourists were from Washington and California with the exception of one party from Colorado. The call for "foreign" registered at the Eugene office is showing a steady increase and the best week-end total of the year was recorded. The Eugene municipal auto park also reports that the number of parties are increasing and that although weather conditions are not ideal for touring that there seems to be plenty of enthusiasm among the visitors.