

Forecast: Tonight and Sunday cloudy and unsettled. Moderate temperature.

Temperature table with columns for Highest yesterday, Lowest this morning, Precipitation, To 5 p. m. yesterday, To 5 a. m. today.

Twenty-Fifth Year

MEIER ASKS FUND BOOST FOR OFFICE

Special Investigation of State Departments to Cost \$20,000—Office Expenses Require \$25,000 Over Norblad Budget.

SALEM, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier late yesterday called the joint senate and house ways and means committee into his office and informed its members that he was going to make a special investigation of every state department and institution.

Declaring that his motive was one of economy and that the move was in line with his determination to be a business manager for the state, the governor said he believed the appropriation would pay for itself twenty times over.

A number of other small appropriations were requested by the governor, making a total appropriation requested for the executive department of \$6,794, or \$25,970 in excess of the appropriation recommended by his predecessor, Governor A. W. Norblad.

Asks Salary Opinion. Relative to his salary, a subject that was frequently mentioned in the campaign, the governor said he was going to ask the attorney-general for an opinion whether the \$7,500 fixed by law or the old provision of \$1,500 a year provided in the state constitution is the correct amount.

"If the attorney-general's opinion is that some amount different from the \$7,500 is correct," said the governor, "the disposal I make of the difference will be for me to determine."

"I know," Meier said, "that some of these state offices are filled by mighty good men. But there are many offices and commissions that need cleaning up. That is to be the purpose of the special investigating fund. Requests for my approval of these by officials are frequent. Already I have stopped five trips east, and in one department I have approved one man's going to Salt Lake City, instead of three, as requested."

Flax Probe Begun. The governor said his probe into the state flax industry had already begun through George M. Black, Portland accountant. Black has been requested to make a recommendation to the governor Monday.

The governor said he believed economy could be effected through a reorganization of the law enforcement system of the state. To correct present possible inefficiency he reiterated the recommendation in his inaugural message of a state police system. This, he said, should help to "avoid building" to the state penitentiary.

Other amounts requested of the committee by the governor were: \$2,200 for two stenographers at \$150 a month instead of one stenographer as recommended by Governor Norblad; \$400 for general office supplies against \$300 in the printed budget; \$1,200 instead of \$300 for telephone and telegraph expenses; \$750 instead of \$400 for postage; \$225 instead of \$115 for press clipping service; surety bonds; governors' conference expense, etc.; \$2,000 for installation of lavatory and cloakroom in the executive office; \$1,400 instead of \$200 for office furniture and equipment.

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Abe Martin



"Who remembers when we could get a few folks together without feedin' 'em? asked Mrs. Em Moots as she bought some luncheon bridge liver. He who buys good will buys junk.

Rogers Talk Costs Sinclair \$500; and He Didn't Hear It

FORT WORTH, Tex., Jan. 31.—(AP)—Harry Sinclair missed Will Rogers' performance here last night. Statisticians figuring the receipts of the humorist's southwestern tour for drought and unemployment sufferers, said it would cost him \$500.

SCREAMS LEAD TO LOCATION OF HOUSE-MOTHER

Eugene Resident Finds Mrs. Thatcher of Chi Omega House in Clump of Brush Near City.

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 31.—(AP)—Mrs. Lila Thatcher, housemother of Chi Omega sorority, found in the brush early today after being missing two days, died at 1:15 p. m. today from shock and exposure.

Attracted by screams coming from behind a clump of brush near the city limits today, a resident of the district found Mrs. Lila Thatcher, missing house mother of the Chi Omega sorority. She was said to be seriously ill from exposure and from effects of burns, apparently of a caustic nature, in her mouth and throat.

She was taken to a hospital where physicians said her condition was "very serious." Doctors believed she had swallowed a strong antiseptic and had been lying in the brush for two days. She had suffered seriously from exposure and was unable to give any account of her actions.

Mrs. Thatcher was fully clothed. It is thought she lay unconscious for several hours, as residents of the district had heard no sound from the brush until her screams this morning.

MERGERS HELD NECESSARY FOR TIMBER TRADE

TACOMA, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Formation of physical mergers on a large scale in the lumber industry, or at least formation of selling organizations in an effort to eliminate destructive competitive methods, was urged at a meeting of 200 leading lumbermen here by Col. W. B. Greeley, managing secretary of the West Coast Lumbermen's association. The meeting concluded last night.

Col. Greeley was supported in his views for immediate steps in this direction by J. D. Tennant of Longview, president of the association. Optimism was introduced in the discussion despite the disastrous showing of the industry for 1930, and the voiced expectation that 1931 will not see any very great improvement. The opinion was expressed that an up-turn in business is to be expected, however, to balance the past depression period.

CHILOQUIN BANK ROBBER SOUGHT

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 31.—(AP)—All roads in Klamath county were being guarded today, and every automobile and train was scrutinized by officers searching for a man who late yesterday held up the Chiloquin State Bank at Chiloquin, Ore., and escaped with \$2,000.

The robber locked J. G. Nichols, cashier, in the vault.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Two women and a man were burned to death this morning in a fire which wrecked the interior of a four-story apartment house on North Charles street. A third woman was missing and two men, who jumped from the top floor were in a critical condition in Mercy hospital.

GIRL FAILS TO SURVIVE CAR FUMES

Miss Hill Succumbs to Monoxide Poisoning Early Today—Second Victim of Talent Tragedy—Blood Transfusion Tried.

Carbon monoxide gas poisoning sustained early yesterday morning in a parked coupe near the home of her uncle, L. C. Hill, in Talent, resulted in the death of Miss Nell Hill, 18, Talent high school girl, at 7:20 this morning in the Ashland hospital. Raymond Crum, 22, in the coupe at the same time, was dead when the pair was discovered unconscious in the car by the girl's aunt, Mrs. Hill.

A broken exhaust pipe permitted the exhaust of the car to creep up into the coupe through the floor boards and overcame the couple before they realized their danger.

No hope for the girl's life was held until last evening when it was thought she was showing some strength, after drugs had been administered to benefit her heart. At midnight last night, she underwent a blood transfusion, but after the transfusion, she grew steadily weaker until death overtook her.

Danger Unsuspected. Clarence Byrd, a cousin of the girl, said last evening Crum knew the car had a broken pipe and had remarked that he planned to fix it yesterday, but never suspected the deadly danger lurking in the broken pipe. When the car was moving, the air carried the gas away, but when the coupe was stopped and the engine was left running to keep a heater warm, the carbon monoxide crept into the interior of the machine.

A partially open window on the side where the girl was sitting permitted sufficient fresh air to enter the car to enable her to withstand more of the gas than Crum, who was dead when Mrs. Hill came to the car, after the latter had become worried over the long period the couple had been sitting in the car. The boy and girl, who had been keeping steady company for the past 15 months, arrived at the Hill dwelling at 5:30. The motor was running in the car when the family retired.

Motor Running. When Mrs. Hill awoke several hours later, the motor was still running and she called the girl, but received no answer. She noticed they were both sitting up in the car. Mrs. Hill dozed to sleep and awakened again about an hour later. This time she came to the car. She thought the couple asleep. Crum's head was thrown back across the seat and the girl was slumped over with her head on her companion's knees. Crum was already dead and the girl was gasping for air. Medical aid was immediately summoned and the girl was rushed to the hospital.

Roy Hill, brother of the dead girl, was expected to arrive last night from The Dalles, Ore., but up until the forenoon had not made his appearance. Relatives thought he may have been delayed by an auto wreck. No funeral arrangements have been announced pending his arrival.

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TRI-STATE ROAD LAW MEET DATED

SALEM, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Announcement was made yesterday by Representative Frank E. Andrews, chairman of the house committee on roads and highways, that a joint meeting of the special committees of the legislatures of Oregon, Washington and California on uniform traffic regulations will be held in Salem next Friday, and that on Saturday an open hearing on the same subject will be held in Portland.

RUMOR AIMEE ON BOAT FOR CHINA

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Officials of the Dollar Steamship line said here today they were unable to confirm reports Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson and her daughter, Roberta Semple, were aboard the Emer President Wilson, en route to Shanghai.

The steamship officials also said Mrs. F. W. Poate and her daughter Isabel, believed in Honolulu to be Mrs. McPherson and her daughter, in reality were prominent and long residents of Shanghai who had made reservations in London for their passage and had picked up their tickets in Boston.

MORE MOVIE WEDDING BELLS



Kay Francis, motion picture actress, and Kenneth MacKenna of the stage and screen filed notice of their intention to wed in Los Angeles.

DO-X ARRIVES CANARY ISLES ON BRAZIL HOP

LAS PALMAS, Canary Islands, Jan. 31.—(AP)—The German seaplane DO-X landed in the harbor here at 3:10 p. m. (10:10 a. m., E.S.T.).

LISBON, Portugal, Jan. 31.—(AP) The DO-X, giant German flying boat, left here at 8:08 a. m. (3:08 a. m., E.S.T.) for Madeira and the Canary Islands, the first lap of a trans-Atlantic trip to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The plane, commanded by Captain Christensen, and with Clarence Schildhauer, American, as second pilot, expected to fly over Madeira, drop a bag of mail, and continue to Las Palmas, arriving there late this afternoon. The trans-Atlantic section of the flight will not be begun until after the plane completes the second lap to Porto Praya, Cape Verde Islands. From there the big craft will fly to Natal, Brazil.

The plane carried 19 persons—13 officers and crew and six passengers. This first leg of the flight was 715 miles. The DO-X will stay here at least overnight while her engines are checked.

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Grants Pass Baby Victim Of Wildcat Is Fear While Neighbors Search Woods

By D. L. Whitehurst. Written for the Associated Press. GRANTS PASS, Ore., Jan. 31.—(AP)—A mother's hope today battled the creeping mists of the Siskiyou mountains in the little fish-shaped home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Husen, where Keithie Dale, two years old, has been missing for nearly 24 hours.

Despite the fact that deep frost covered the trees hours after day-light, the mother still clung to her belief that her baby would be brought home alive. Alive—but cold.

"Keep the house warm," she told neighbors, "the little fellow will be cold when they bring him in." "Laddie," Keithie's favorite dog, ordinarily vicious in his contact with strangers, but docile today, seems to weigh seriously the burden of the bed's absence from the Husen household. Yesterday when this little playmate wandered away, Laddie was returned from the home of a relative to assist in the search.

Men and women, called by the raw January air, returned periodically to the Husen home—always with the same answer.

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HEFLIN HEARS RING OF TRUTH IN BUTLER YARN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Reiterating his demands for an investigation be made of the truth of the charges before Major-General Smedley D. Butler is disciplined for a statement that Premier Mussolini of Italy ran over a child and did not stop, Senator Thomas J. Hefflin of Alabama declared in the senate yesterday the story "sounds exactly like Mussolini."

"I stood here three years ago and related stories of Italian Massons being murdered at the instance of Mussolini," he shouted at the senate. "There were 157 of them in one night, if I remember correctly."

"Why should any American general bow down and crawl in the dust to the most red-handed tyrant on earth—Mussolini—the monarch of the old world," the senator from Alabama demanded.

MASSEUR CONVICTED BEATING AGED MAN

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 31.—(AP) Facing a minimum sentence of ten years in state prison, Waino E. Maki, Portland masseur, was convicted last night in superior court here of second degree murder. He was tried for the killing of Andrew Hendrickson, aged resident of the Hutchinson district near here. Hendrickson was beaten to death. The jury was out five hours.

India's Hermen Denies Old Right On Columbia Spit

TACOMA, Jan. 31.—(AP)—The Quinault and Quillayute tribes of Indians have lost their fight for their accustomed fishing points on Peacock Spit at the mouth of the Columbia river.

The right of the government, as guardian of the tribes, to an injunction preventing the Indians from being expelled from the fishing grounds, was denied in an opinion handed down in federal court here.

HERO OF RADIO ELECTROCUTED AT INSTRUMENT

Clifford Paulson Credited With Saving Many Lives in Steamer Crash Found Dead.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 31.—(AP) Clifford T. Paulson, 24, radio operator credited with saving many lives when the steamer San Juan sank in a collision off the Pacific coast, August 31, 1929, was electrocuted during the night while working at the radio transmitting set of the Transcontinental and Western Air, Inc. here.

Paulson sent the SOS from the San Juan after it had collided with the Standard Oil tanker Todd, 18 miles off Pidgeon Point.

Seventy lives were lost in the collision but many were saved because Paulson stayed with his instrument until the San Juan went down.

His body was found this morning by R. C. Huxford, relief operator, lying on the floor near the radio set. His hands had been severely burned by 2,000 volts of electricity.

Paulson had been employed for some months as radio operator at the municipal airport here.

Paulson's relatives in Goble, Oregon, were notified of his death. The operator had figured in another sea disaster as a member of the crew of the tugboat City of Noms when it caught fire.

He had told his associates there was an old saying among seagoing men "that one should give the elements a chance to strike three times."

CROSSING PLEA DECISION WILL TAKE 2 WEEKS

A decision on the petition of the city of Medford to open Fourth and Eighth streets to the Southern Pacific railroad tracks is expected to be reached in two weeks by the state public service commission, which completed its two-day hearing here yesterday of evidence presented by the city and railroad officials.

The city maintained the crossings are necessary due to growing traffic needs and the railroad claimed present traffic congestion was not sufficient to make the opening of the streets necessary and set forth the yard efficiency would be seriously hampered by the opening of Eighth street.

Witnesses who took the stand yesterday afternoon against the opening on the grounds it would be detrimental to the fruit industry were Ralph Bradford, C. C. Lemmon and M. E. Root. W. E. Fair, a railroad engineer, was also on the stand.

The city presented a strong case but also met strong opposition on the part of the Southern Pacific.

LAWGIVERS MAY WORK OVER TIME

Leaders Believe Heavy Bill Grist Will Require Extra Period—Five Issues to Fare in First Half of State Session.

By Clayton V. Bernalhard. SALEM, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Power, prohibition, post, fish and game have been the big five issues of the first half of the Oregon legislature which ends today. The session is limited to 40 days, but leaders in both houses are doubtful that all business before the legislators can be completed during the final half, and believe some overtime will be required. The 1929 session ran seven days over the limited period.

The administration power measures are still in the hands of house and senate committees and public hearings will be held on all three utilities, hydro-electric and grange measures. The administration's state police measure, now being drafted, is expected to be introduced early next week. Several other administration measures dealing with penal institutions and parole regulation are also expected soon.

Two Long Debates. The house the past week heard two prolonged debates, one on the referendum for repeal of the Oregon dry law, and the other over the selection of the Port of Portland commissioners. The prohibition resolution was defeated, 41 to 16, but it is reported a similar resolution for referendum will appear in the senate Monday, renewing the issue in the higher branch.

The defeat of the measure providing for the appointment of Portland commissioners by the governor has resulted in a series of conferences between members of the Mulnomah delegation and the executive, in the hopes of effecting a compromise. The results of the conferences may be presented to the senate and house Monday.

The only debate of major importance in the senate so far this session was over the passage of fishing in the Rogue river.

Sportsmen Win. The proponents of eliminating commercial activities won by one more vote than necessary to pass the bill, the senate roll-call showing 17 to 13. The measure is now in the house and will appear during the coming week. The joint ways and means committee has concentrated on institutional expense, and audits and investigations have been requested and ordered by the committee as well as the governor. The intangibles tax, income tax and other tax issues appear as outstanding issues during the next week.

Eight public hearings, including those on power bills, free textbooks, horticulture code and the Tunnel bill, have been scheduled.

Williamina—Williamina Clay Products Co. brick plant will resume operations upon completion of repairs.

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

FORT WORTH, Texas, Jan. 30.—These people in the drought stricken country ain't waiting for the government to relieve 'em. Their well to do are helping their less fortunate themselves. At a matinee today at Wichita Falls we played to 9100. At Fort Worth, the cowman's paradise, we played to 18,900. At my breakfast matinee yesterday morning at Abilene at 10 o'clock, got 6500, and every cent of that is net.

People in America have got the money and will give it if they know the need is there, and these people know it is. Say, we got a real show. Frank Hawkes is our monologist, National Broadening loaned me the "Revellers," the greatest singing quartet in America, Jimmy Rodgers, the Victor yodler, and Chester Byers, world's champion roper. But quit wiring for dates. We are all filled.

PUNISHMENT BAN IS RECOMMENDED

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 31.—(AP) The elimination of all forms of punishment at the state training school for boys, located near Woodburn, is recommended in a report received by the state board of control today from the state child welfare commission. The commission conducted an investigation of the institution after several Portland persons had charged that cruel treatment was inflicted upon inmates by W. H. Billie, superintendent of the school. The report does not recommend the dismissal of the superintendent.

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