

The Weather
Forecast: Tonight and Friday fair.
No change in temperature.
Temperature
Highest yesterday 74
Lowest this morning 36

Twenty-Sixth Year

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

SECRETARY WILBUR returns to Washington after spending the summer out here in the West. He tells the reporters: "Conditions, as a whole, are distinctly better in the West than in the East. The world-wide depression has worked little hardship on the Westerners."

IS SECRETARY WILBUR kidding himself? Or are the pessimists, who are to be found here and there among us, even out here on the Pacific Coast, the ones who are wrong?

AN IMPORTANT official of one of the largest life insurance companies of the country came to Portland a few days ago to attend a national convention of insurance men. Like Secretary Wilbur, he talked to the reporters about business conditions in the West, and this is a part of what he said: "My company likes Oregon, for we have more than six million dollars loaned out here and it is in the best condition of any state in the Union. Few borrowers are back on their payments, less interest is due and there is a happier tone to the letters we get from Oregon than from any other section of the country."

TALKING to a business man of Southern Oregon the other day, this writer asked the usual question: "How's business?"

And here is the answer: "Not so bad, everything considered. I'm doing business on the basis of the year 1931, with overhead cut to the bone. I'm not handling as much money as I did two or three years ago, but I'm managing to have a little left after all my bills are paid."

"DOING business on the basis of the year 1931, with overhead cut to the bone. That is an EXCEEDINGLY SIGNIFICANT statement."

In good times, overhead creeps up and up. After a while, it submerges profits. As soon as profit is submerged, times begin to get bad and in the course of time we find ourselves in a depression.

Volume of business drops off. WITH the volume of business dropping off, economies are forced. "Overhead is cut to the bone," as this merchant says. And, since cutting the overhead involved reducing the payroll, unemployment increases.

But gradually these enforced economies, this cutting of the overhead, have their effect, and business begins to find that while it is handling less money it has a little left after all its bills are paid.

Just as soon as that happens, the depression begins to lift. As the depression begins to lift, unemployment begins to disappear.

Soon we are back to normal. OREGON, as this Eastern insurance official says, is fundamentally sound. It has weathered the current depression without serious reverses. It is all set to go ahead rapidly when conditions generally begin to improve.

So keep your faith strong in Oregon. It is a great state, with a fine future.

A 15-YEAR-OLD high school boy in Indiana kills a filling station proprietor, robs the body of his victim of \$40 and when he is arrested a few hours later says coolly: "I got quite a kick out of that murder."

Poor boy! He ought to have been getting a kick out of running the ball through a broken field and making a touchdown. That, at his age, would have been an achievement worth while.

So much, in this world, depends on giving young people ideals of achievement that are worth while. HERE is an interesting paragraph from yesterday's world news: "Civil war and internal strife were laid aside and peace between opposing factions appeared near in China today."

For years, opposing factions in China have been warring to the death, and as they have warring China has sunk down and down into the mire of poverty and want. But the moment an outsider breaks into the fight the warring factions unite against the common foe.

Human nature is a curious thing. SPEAKING further of boys and their ideals, a young fellow of probably 18 appeared at the office of this newspaper yesterday and asked for work—just any kind of work, he said—and since some heavy machinery was being moved out as a part

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BALLOT ON RUM BY EACH STATE ASKED BY VETS

Legion Takes Stand On Issue for First Time—Request for Bonus Cash Voted Down in Conclave

DETROIT, Sept. 24.—(AP)—The American Legion national convention today asked congress to submit repeal or modification of the present prohibition laws to the states with the request that each state submit the issue to its voters.

The vote was 1008 to 394. The vote came after a debate in which advocates of the resolution denounced conditions under prohibition and asked the Legion to assume leadership in the fight to seek a change through referendum.

Oregon's delegation was split on the referendum proposal, 15 voting for and three against. The opposition argued that the Legion should take no stand.

First Stand on Rum It was the first time prohibition came before the Legion's national convention in its 13 years of history.

An effort to have the issue thrown off the floor under a ruling that it is political and outside of the constitutional scope of the Legion's activities failed. Commander Ralph T. O'Neil declined to follow the precedent set last year by O. L. Bodenhamer.

The resolution, read by Dr. Neil D. Williams, of Missouri, chairman of the resolutions committee, was received with a loud demonstration in which were mingled cries of "We want beer."

DETROIT, Sept. 24.—(AP)—The American Legion national convention today rejected a resolution endorsing the immediate payment of bonus certificates at face value.

The vote was 902 to 507. The convention by acclamation today adopted a resolution calling upon every able-bodied veteran to refrain from "unnecessary burden of national, state or municipal government."

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—(AP)—The agriculture department is investigating to ascertain the possible effects of the legalization of beer on the farmer.

Secretary Hyde revealed this fact today in saying many requests for information on this subject have reached his office. The secretary said none of these requests came from the White House.

DETROIT, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Henry L. Stevens, Jr., young Warsaw, N. C. attorney, was elected national commander of the American Legion on the first ballot taken today. Stevens, 35 years old, is the youngest man ever elected as head of the Legion.

Stevens was elected by acclamation, as all other candidates withdrew before the completion of a roll call.

He succeeds Ralph T. O'Neil of Kansas. Stevens, descendant of a long line of military men, was one of the first to enlist from his home town during the world war. His great grandfather was a revolutionary soldier and his grandfather a veteran of 32 battles in the civil war.

Vice-commanders were elected as follows: Richard P. Paul, Canton, Mass.; Col. Harold Plummer, Madison, Wis.; Forrest G. Cooper, Indianapolis, Ind.; Roy Cook, New Mexico and Frank Brooks of Bellingham, Wash.

The Rev. Father H. A. Darsche, of Bradley, Ill., was elected national chaplain.

DETROIT, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Mrs. Louise Werle Williams of Tuckahoe, N. Y., was elected president of the American Legion Auxiliary today at the closing session of the Auxiliary's 11th annual convention.

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PEAR MARKETS

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—(Special to Rogue River Valley Traffic Assn.)—Three carloads California Bartlett's auctioned here today, prices somewhat higher, averaging \$3.75. Six carloads Washington Bartlett's averaged \$2.50, \$2.90, \$2.78, \$2.93, \$2.97, \$2.76. One carload Washington Anjou's averaged \$2.97, extra fancy and \$2.78 fancy. One carload Colorado Anjou's sold for \$2.38 for U. S. No. 1; \$1.98 for U. S. No. 2. Five carloads Oregon Bartlett's as follows:

	Low	High	Avg.
Del Rio, XF	\$2.90	\$3.35	\$3.11
F	2.75	3.15	2.95
Broadway, XF	2.50	3.00	2.75
Top O' Day, F	2.55	3.20	3.00
Rain, F	2.90	3.35	3.23
Evergreen, F	3.45	3.85	3.67
Pinnacle	3.15	3.75	3.45
Glen Rosa, Howell, XF			2.00
F			2.01

DEMOCRACY FAILS IN LEADER CHOICE DECLARES BUTLER

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, believes that Democracy has placed midgets in the seats of the mighty while dictatorships have brought to authority and power men of far greater intelligence, far stronger character and far more courage.

Addressing the student body at the opening exercises of the university yesterday he said that of the 26 presidents since James Madison, no more than five or six represented the best in American character and intelligence as personified in the first four chief executives of the republic.

Dictatorships, in which power and authority have been seized by an outstanding personality who commanded the loyal support of some compact and highly organized group, he said, have produced a Cromwell, a Napoleon, a Muscatini, a Lenin and a Stalin.

HUNTER IS KILLED NEAR GOLD BEACH

GOLD BEACH, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Another deer hunting party ended fatally for one of its members here Wednesday when Frank Biescke, 50, was shot and killed while hunting east of Langlois.

Ed England of Portland, Biescke's hunting companion, is said to have fired the shot that struck the man. The bullet entered just above the heart and Biescke died within a few minutes.

Sheriff Turner and Dr. W. A. Cartwright of Curry county went today to the hills last night to investigate the case.

Biescke is survived by his widow and three daughters. Mrs. Bob Hildebrand of Roseburg and Mrs. Beulah Biescke of Langlois.

Porter Brothers Off to University

E. H. Porter, Jr., more familiarly known to his friends as Junior, and his older brother, Robert Porter, left this forenoon to enter the University of Oregon as freshmen.

Robert will major in a business course and Junior, before departing today, said he, himself, would "colonel or general" in a course, laying the basis for a medical career.

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OPINION DIVIDED ON RESULTS OF WAGE REDUCING

High Official Says Move Result Bad Thinking—Others See Strengthening of Business As Result

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Disatisfaction in the administration over wage-cutting evidenced itself today, despite the continued reticence of most officials.

One high executive called the move in major industries another example of bad-thinking in business. Another was not so sure of it. President Hoover kept his views to himself.

The denunciatory statement by William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, charging the steel corporations with breaking faith and taking an unsound, unjust policy, attracted much attention here.

President Green quoted a statement made by Julius Klein, assistant secretary of commerce, that "there will be hell to pay throughout the United States in the event of a general reduction." This, Green said, was a logical and sound conclusion.

All federal economic experts, however, are not agreed as to the final outcome. From one side have come predictions that the wage reduction will strengthen business, increase employment. In the other camp are expressions of regret and forecasts of a decreased buying power on the eve of a business recovery.

President Hoover himself has indicated his chief concern: focuses upon the maintenance of American living standards, almost certain to be affected by a general wage lowering.

CRATER ROAD JOB TO EUGENE FIRM

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 24.—(AP)—McNitt & Pyle, Eugene, contractors, were low bidders today for the grading of about 4½ miles in Crater lake park when bids were opened by the bureau of public roads. Their low bid was \$23,675.

The grading extends from Kerr lodge on the rim of the lake in a southeasterly direction down Kerr valley and Sand creek to a connection with a section previously graded and oiled about two miles northwest of the east entrance to the park.

DRUM CORPS CUP GOES TO MIAMI

DETROIT, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Ten drum and pipe corps of the American Legion formed a colorful background here last night for another decision awarding the championship to a precise stepping squad from Miami, Fla.

The southerners won last year and were so good again they had more than a point lead over the closely bunched nine following.

Miami won \$1000 and the retention of two trophies.

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HUGE LEGION PARADE THRILLS THOUSANDS



Fifty thousand American Legionnaires staged a mammoth parade fully four miles long in Detroit as a climax of their national convention. About 500,000 spectators saw the "Boys of '17" once again lead the cry at "Forward, March!" This picture gives a general view of the spectacle.

KINGSLEY LODGED IN PEN TO AWAIT EXECUTION OCT. 30

James E. Kingsley, slayer of Sam G. Prescott, Ashland policeman, entered the death cell at the state prison last night at 9 o'clock, according to Jailer Ike Dunford, who returned this morning from escorting the prisoner to the penitentiary.

He was met at the prison gates by Warden James Lewis.

"Well, Kingsley, you're back again," remarked the warden, as they shook hands, and then led the way to "condemned row." He was placed in the same cell he occupied before. His possessions consisted of a well-thumbed Bible and a few articles of clothing.

The warden issued orders that the door between "death row" and the main office of the prison be kept open, so Kingsley would be visible at all times to guards on duty, and the chief turnkey. The "death watch" will be established a month before the execution date, October 30.

Kingsley bid Jailer Dunford goodbye, and thanked him for his treatment of him.

CUT MILK PRICES IN NEW SQUABBLE

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 24.—(AP)—And now the milk distributors, themselves, are making faces at each other. Only a few weeks ago the distributors were locked in battle with producers. This war was settled. But conflict today had broken out anew in an unexpected quarter and distributors were cutting prices on each other, to the benefit of the consumer.

The quarrel has forced the retail price of grade A milk to seven and eight cents a quart generally, with as low as six cents being quoted.

A 5-cent margin is in sight, some believe, as a result of determination of some distributors to put others out of the picture.

SOUTHERN PAC. SHOWS DECREASING REVENUE

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Hanley Supports Van Duzer Stand On Route to Sea

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 24.—(AP)—Support of H. B. Van Duzer, chairman of the state highway commission, is pledged by William Hanley of Burns, new commission member, insofar as selection of a route from Portland to the sea is concerned.

Hanley reached Portland today from Ontario, where last night he criticized Charles K. Spaulding, commissioner, for statements the Salem man had given to the press and for Spaulding's comment on the recent survey of coast cut-off.

Lord Byng of Vimy Plans Retirement

LONDON, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Lord Byng of Vimy, former governor-general of Canada and outstanding world war figure and commissioner of London police since 1928, informed his officers at Scotland Yard today that he will retire at the end of the month.

In 1929 he suffered a severe illness. Recently he became ill again and spent some time in the south of France.

Order Dismissal of Guard Officers

SALEM, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Captain Louis N. Henrichs, Portland, who commanded the service company of the 162nd Infantry, Oregon National Guard, was relieved of service by Major General George A. White today for the good of the service, upon finding of the general court martial held several months ago. Henrichs was charged with misappropriation and misuse of military funds.

Phoenix High Has Record in Roster

PHOENIX, Ore., Sept. 24.—(Sp.)—Phoenix schools which opened for September 8th are now in full swing, and have been adding numbers to their enrollment since the opening day. The enrollment in the high school is 69, the largest it has ever been, and prospects of a few more.

The enrollment of 180 in the grade school is not quite as large as last year.

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PLAN WOODYARD FOR COUNTY AID IN COLD MONTHS

The county court has instructed the county engineer to pick out a piece of county land, with timber upon it, for the establishment of a county woodyard next winter, if conditions warrant. The land must be reasonably close to this city.

It is the general plan to operate the woodyard in connection with the relief work expected to be necessary instead of leasing money and food to applicants, as they seek aid at the county court.

The workers would be paid for their labor, on the cord basis, and the output used as fuel for the county poor farm and other county institutions. The county would thus get the wood, instead of from the big system, as in the past.

The county owns plenty of timbered land, but all of it is too far from the main cities, and institutions.

The county engineer said that a site in the Jacksonville area would probably be selected.

ASHLAND LEGION ELECTS OFFICERS

ASHLAND, Ore., Sept. 24.—(Sp.)—Wm. Grenbemer will lead Ashland post, American Legion, during the coming year. Long active in Legion affairs, Mr. Grenbemer was elected unanimously to serve in this capacity during 1932.

U. S. Senator Frederick Steiwer, who spent two and a half hours in Ashland while en route from Grants Pass to Klamath Falls, spoke at the Legion meeting. He is an ex-service man, and assured the veterans that it was ever his pleasure to work in their behalf.

Other officers elected were Paul Taylor, first vice-commander; Herb Moore, second vice-commander; Oscar Silver, adjutant; Dr. B. G. Barkwell, chaplain; Roy Wolcott, sergeant-at-arms and the executive committee, Perry Ashcraft, John Enders, Charles Delman and Paul McDonald.

Mann Will Address Students On Friday

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BORAH BLAMES ILLS OF WORLD ON ARMS RACE

Revision of Post-War Treaties Needed to Halt Expenditures for Armament, Declares Idaho Senator

MOSCOW, Idaho, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Booming cannon and parading soldiers were to open ceremonies at the dedication of the \$50,000 Senator William E. Borah foundation for outflow of war at the University of Idaho here today.

A regiment of the university reserve officers' training corps and a troop of National Guard cavalry were ordered to meet a group of distinguished visitors, including Gov. E. Ben Ross of Idaho, as they arrived at the entrance to the campus. A 17-gun salute was ordered for Governor Ross.

Speaking at the dedication, Senator William E. Borah of Idaho appealed today for a revision of European post-war treaties now "poisoning the whole life of Europe."

Revision of the treatment must come, he said, before there can be an end of an asserted armament race which "clears and demoralizes the economic systems of the nations until today some of the great nations are upon the verge of economic collapse and financial breakdown."

At the end of 12 years since the world war, Senator Borah said, "the world is spending more money for armaments by far than at any time in its history, save in the midst of the world war."

He protested that the taxpayers of the world are "paying for this program with their blood," and warned that "we have reached a point where we will either turn away from the program heretofore prevailing or we will seek greater depths of economic misery than we have heretofore known."

"In spite of conferences and leagues and peace pacts, why does this armaments race go forward at such a deadly pace?" he asked. "The truth is, that we have undertaken to rear the temple of peace upon a war foundation. The very foundation upon which the whole structure of politics rests in two continents depends for its maintenance upon force. The treaties written at the end of the war, under the passion of war, and in order to complete and make thorough and effective the purposes of war, are the international laws of Europe."

"While much has been done for peace on paper, the spirit of suspicion on the one hand and hate on the other smoulder beneath the surface. Those things which move men to action, their fears and sense of injustice, the division of races and peoples, the breaking up of old boundaries, all these things make for armaments. And they will always make for armaments."

"I understand perfectly that it was not humanly possible to frame satisfactory treaties just at the close of the great war, but it ought to be possible now."

"For nearly 30 years the Alsace-Lorraine problem spread the poison of hate and nurtured the spirit of vengeance throughout a continent."

Senator Borah said, warning that "there are at least six Alsace-Lorraine problems now since the war. They are poisoning the whole life of Europe with suspicion and a deep sense of injustice. Hence it is that Europe arms and arms, and arms still further."

Since the warning of Alsace-Lorraine was not heeded by the framers of the great war, it ought to be possible now."

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