

The Weather

Forecast: Tonight and Friday unsettled. Probably with occasional rains. Moderate temperature. Highest yesterday 56. Lowest this morning 47.

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Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

As these words are written, Governor Roosevelt is leading Alfalfa Bill Murray rather decisively in the North Dakota presidential primary.

That is something of a check for Alfalfa Bill's ambitions. One would say, offhand, that North Dakota is one of the states in which Murray might reasonably expect considerable support.

In spite of the efforts that are obviously under way to throw a monkey wrench into his machinery, it appears at this moment that Governor Roosevelt is developing considerable strength.

There is a heavy increase in Democratic voting strength in North Dakota primary and a corresponding decrease in Republican voting strength.

That checks with similar developments that are being noted by county clerks here in Oregon as registration proceeds.

Political history is being repeated. The party in power gets the credit for things the public doesn't like. It always has been that way, and probably always will be.

In North Dakota, Roosevelt, conservative Democrat, leads Murray, who poses as a radical, whether he is or not. But "General" Jacob Coxey, of long-ago Coxey's army fame, gets half as many Republican votes as Governor France, of Maryland.

"Steel Prices Go Up." So reads a headline in the news of the day. An advance of \$2 a ton is announced for April 1.

When prices finally hit bottom and start back up, even if ever so slightly, a radical change in business will have been brought about. People will then want to buy at once, before prices go higher, whereas now they put off buying as long as possible in the hope that prices will be lower.

More important than steel prices, as an indication of improving business, are FARM prices.

The dollar the farmer gets for what he sells now buys considerably less than before the war, whereas the dollar that industry gets for what it sells will still buy somewhat more than before the war.

As long as that condition continues, the farmer's buying power will be crippled—and the buying power of the farmer is a mighty big influence in business in this country.

Everybody wants to know when business will get better. The trend of agricultural prices is probably the best of all indicators along that line. When prices of farm products start definitely upward, we may safely assume that business is really improving.

Another interesting headline: "Winter Hits New York." March cold weather records of the past 16 years are broken, the dispatch says.

The East has had an exceptionally warm winter, so far. Most people incline to the belief that exceptional weather of one sort is apt to be followed by exceptional weather of another sort. The weather sharpens won't agree that this is a rule that can be relied on, but most people believe it, anyway.

CLOSE AND TOUGH BATTLE LOST BY SINGLE COUNTER

Wilton White Taken Out Account Fouls—Astorian Also Forced to Bench—K. F. Bows to Marshfield

SALEM, Ore., March 17.—(Sp.) Medford high school lost to Astoria in the first championship bracket game of the tournament here today by a 29 to 30 score.

The contest was one of the hardest fought so far and marked by many personal fouls.

W. White, of Medford was pulled out in the third period and Kergstrom, Astoria in the fourth. Medford led at the half by thirteen to twelve.

SALEM, March 17.—(Sp.)—Fast basketball from the Marshfield quintet eliminated Klamath Falls from the state basketball tournament here today by a score of 48 to 25.

Klamath started with the dope on even basis, but after a close, fast quarter fell behind continuously.

McClellan's uncanny eye for the basket and close guarding and team play of his mates were responsible for Marshfield's excellent showing.

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Force of 100,000 Chinese Marching on Mukden

GERMANY STRIKES BLOW AT HITLER CIVIL WAR PLANS

Raids Throughout Prussia Reveal Plot To March On Big Cities—Documents, Correspondence Seized.

By Louis P. Lochner, Associated Press Staff Correspondent. BERLIN, March 17.—(AP)—The Prussian government accepted a challenge of the forces of Adolf Hitler today, ordering raids on national socialist headquarters throughout the state, after disclosures purporting to reveal Nazi plans for a virtual civil war.

CHILD NEAR DEATH FROM BEATING AT HANDS OF COUPLE

SPOKANE, Wash., March 17.—(AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Heener were locked in the county jail today, and charged with beating their five-year old child, Arthur, until he was hovering between life and death.

DAKOTA BOURBONS SHOW UNEXPECTED VOTING STRENGTH

FARGO, N. D., March 17.—(AP)—The unexpected Democratic sentiment shown by North Dakota in expressing its favoritism for Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt in the presidential preference primary, was emphasized today by additional returns that established a party primary record in this state.

GASOLINE PRICE MOVING UPWARD

A J. Hawk of the Standard Oil district office here stated this afternoon that Standard service stations are retarding gasoline today at 17 cents per gallon, two cents above the previous price.

INVESTIGATE DEATH OF LIQUOR SUSPECT

MARSHFIELD, Ore., March 17.—(AP)—Police here today were investigating the death of John Hall, 70, whose burned body was found in his small home at Lakeside last night.

Din of Whistles Fosters Report Baby Discovered

PHILADELPHIA, March 17.—(AP)—A train whistle blew loud and long today when its valve stuck.

LATEST THEORY IN KIDNAP CASE IS BLIND ALLEY

Franklin Park Clue Falls Flat Leaving Police As Mystified As When Lindbergh Baby First Taken.

HOPEWELL, N. J., March 17.—(AP)—The latest theory in the Lindbergh baby kidnap mystery came to naught today.

YOUNG ROBBERS STEAL SAVINGS AGED WAR VET

PORTLAND, March 17.—(AP)—Police here today were searching for three youths who yesterday broke into the house of George W. Day, 27, a Civil War veteran, and stole \$750, his life savings, accumulated from his government pension.

Federal Salaries Will Be Slashed

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(AP)—Representative Rainey, the Democratic leader, told the house today there would be a general slash in government salaries.

DeValera Reveals Plan For Unity Between Irish

By Michael Rooney (A. P. Staff Correspondent). DUBLIN, March 17.—(AP)—The wearing of the green had a double significance in Erin today. It was the 150th anniversary of St. Patrick's landing and it brought a new plan for union of the North and South of Ireland.

BANKS OF OREGON GUARDED BY LAW AGAINST SLANDER

Salem Reports Situation Of Banks In State Shows Value of Statute Making Idle Gossip Crime.

SALEM, Ore., March 17.—(Special.) According to officials of the state banking department, the state of Oregon is particularly fortunate in having a statute making the circulation of false rumors against any bank punishable by fines and jail sentences.

NO MORE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED FOR ROAD WORK

PORTLAND, March 17.—(AP)—The state highway commission today announced no more bonds will be voted to further the program of unemployment relief as worked out in the past two years.

FIFTEEN KILLED IN FEBRUARY BY AUTOS IN STATE

SALEM, March 17.—(AP)—Fifteen fatalities resulted from automobile accidents during February, the state police headquarters announced here today.

Ex-Senator Reed Has Good Night

ROCHESTER, Minn., March 17.—(AP)—James A. Reed, former United States senator from Missouri, passed a "pretty good night" and is looking well today, his physician said.

DISCOUNT RATE REDUCED AGAIN

LONDON, March 17.—(AP)—The Bank of England reduced its discount rate today from four to three and one-half per cent.

BEERY ADOPTS DAUGHTER



The young lady pulling Wallace Beery's mustache is Carol Ann Priestler, 18 months old, who was adopted in Los Angeles by the actor and his wife. Carol is the daughter of Mrs. Beery's aunt. The Beery's also are caring for George, 9, and William Priestler, 4.

OHIO DELEGATION WILL BE WET IS SURPRISING WORD

CLEVELAND, March 17.—(AP)—Two surprising anti-prohibition developments in Ohio, with possibly far-reaching reverberations, entered the forefront of national politics today.

'CHANCELLOR' FOR OREGON COLLEGES

PORTLAND, March 17.—(AP)—The head of Oregon's combined institutions of higher learning will be known as "chancellor" if the recommendations of the unification committee of the state board of higher education is adopted.

ANOTHER MATCH KING IS SUICIDE

BERLIN, March 17.—(AP)—M. Margus, head of the Estonian match monopoly associated with the interests of Ivar Krueger, hanged himself yesterday because of financial difficulties, a telegram from Waisenstein, Estonia, said today.

AD IN NEWSPAPER READS LIKE CLUE

NEW YORK, March 17.—(AP)—Another advertisement in the "Jafite" series, which some newspapers have speculated might have some connection with the Lindbergh baby kidnaping and arrangements for the child's return for ransom, appeared in a morning paper today.

VOLUNTEER FORCE IN MOVE AGAINST NEW GOVERNMENT

Flag of China Replaced in All Villages As 100,000 Marchers Sweep Through Manchurian Area.

SHANGHAI, Friday, March 18.—(AP)—Reports from Manchuria to the Kiumin (Chinese) News Agency today said 100,000 Chinese volunteers were marching on Mukden from three directions, destroying the flag of the new Manchurian state at all the villages along the way and hoisting in its place the Chinese national emblem.

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WILL ROGERS SAYS

THE DALLAS, Ore., March 17.—(AP)—A third of an inch of warm rain soaked orchards and wheat fields in the mid-Columbia region last night.

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., MARCH 17.—DRY CONGRESSMEN VOTED NOT ON PROHIBITION BUT VOTED IN FAVOR OF KEEPING THE PEOPLE FROM VOTING ON IT.

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 17.—Dry congressmen voted not on prohibition but voted in favor of keeping the people from voting on it. Now the wets are not as sore at prohibition as they are the fact that they were never in their lives allowed to vote on it.

Yours ignorantly on the subject, Will Rogers