

The Weather  
Forecast: Unsettled; Sunday, probably with rain. Moderate temperature.  
Highest yesterday 52  
Lowest yesterday 43

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# ASTORIA WINS STATE CAGE TITLE

## Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
HERE is an interesting headline in news of the day: "Scandalous Luxury in Honolulu Jail: La Brought to Light by Prison Inquiry." There you have a CAUSE.

FOLLOWING several years of this luxury, there has been an outbreak of crime in Honolulu that has shocked the whole country and has seriously affected the tourist income of the Hawaiian Islands.

There you have an EFFECT.  
IF CRIME everywhere were promptly and adequately punished, there would be relatively little crime. Where punishment of crime is lax, crime grows.

Does anyone doubt that?  
WAR, crime, politics and the depression have been dominating the front page here of late.

Two little items, of immense significance to every person in this particular region, are buried deeper in the inside pages.

Even newspaper men, at times, misjudge the importance of news.

HERE is one of these items:  
Shingle manufacturers of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia are planning to guarantee for 20 years the life of shingle roofs built under approved specifications.

Shingle roofs so guaranteed will be renewed without charge if wrecked by hail or wind or proved defective because of deterioration from weather.

HERE is the other item:  
Fabricated lumber is to be used in a test demonstration at Longview, in Washington, to prove that attractive wooden houses can be quickly and cheaply assembled from standard units just as automobiles are quickly and cheaply assembled from assembled units.

FOR many years it has been known that wooden shingles make a better, cheaper and more durable roof than substitute materials that are sold in competition with them. But by shrewd sales methods the manufacturers of shingle substitutes have been running away with the roofing markets.

The shingle men, facing COMPLETE loss of their markets, are now preparing to do some modern merchandising on their own account.

The shingle men know they have a good product. They are setting out now to convince other people of it.

THE first automobiles were built by hand, one piece at a time. Built by this method, they were so expensive that people couldn't afford to buy them in VAST NUMBERS.

So smart automobile manufacturers, led by Henry Ford, devised the system of mass production, making the thousands of pieces separately according to standard specifications and then putting them together to make the finished automobile.

This system so CHEAPENED automobiles that people could afford to buy them in enormous numbers. At the same time, it resulted in BETTER automobiles.

HOUSES are still built by hand, on the job, one piece at a time, just as they have been built for hundreds of years. So constructed, they are too costly for people to buy in LARGE NUMBERS.

So house building languishes, just as automobile building languished before mass production and assembling from standard, factory-made units came along.

NOW the lumbermen, who for generations have been content to cut down trees and saw them up into lumber without giving much thought to MODERN MERCHANDISING of the lumber after it is cut, are beginning to pioneer for themselves in the field of mass production of houses; saying to themselves: "Why can't we do, with wood, in the way of building houses, what the automobile men did with steel and rubber in the way of building automobiles, making use of mass production to cheapen and improve the product so that EVERYBODY will want a new house, just as everybody wants a new automobile?"

WELL, WHY CAN'T THEY?  
Is there any reason why houses (Continued on Page Ten)

## MEDFORD LANDS FOURTH SPOT IN FINAL STANDING

Fishermen Trounce Salem, 32 to 29—Benson High Wins Third Place—Tigers Take Nehalem

SALEM, Ore., March 19.—(AP)—A fast breaking quintet tonight took the state basketball championship to the mouth of the Columbia for the second time in three years when Astoria defeated Salem high school, 32 to 29. The final contest in the state tournament was witnessed by more than 5200 fans, but the big fight lacked the thrills of several previous games last night and tonight.

In the earlier game for third position Benson high school staged a rally in the final quarter to snatch a victory by a single point from Corvallis, who played its percentage system effectively until its center, Wagner, was taken out on fouls. The final score was 23 to 22. The first period ended 7 to 6 in favor of the champions.

ACE Aids Astoria  
Salem finally forged ahead for its last time with a 10-to-9 score. At this point, Astoria's "money-man," Canessa, was put into the game, as in previous contests. The act pulled Astoria from behind to lead which it maintained throughout the remainder.

The score at half time was 17 to 13 for Astoria, and in the third quarter this lead was increased to 9 points. Burrell, Salem center, who placed in the all-star team, was high scorer for the tournament with 32 points, followed by Adams, Nehalem guard, with 21, and McLean, Marshfield forward, with 18.

How They Finished  
The first eight teams, in their order, finished the tournament as follows: Astoria, Salem, Benson, Medford, Marshfield, Corvallis, Nehalem and University high.

Teams eliminated were: Baker, Athena, Burns, Oregon City, Hood River, Klamath Falls, Lincoln and Silverton.

In the first game tonight, Corvallis started in the winning column with Patterson and Meryman, forwards, playing better than par in the percentage system. Benson failed to kick as in previous games, until the last few minutes. A last-minute basket by Patterson, Benson player, won for Portland, 23 to 22.

Medford started out to defeat Nehalem from the first and eked out five baskets before Nehalem was able to score. From then on the southern Oregon players had little difficulty in keeping the lead and increasing it.

George Harrington starred for Medford today with 15 points, with Willton White playing a big game at center and Scheel at guard. White scored 11 points and Scheel 14.

Summary  
Medford (48) FG FT PF  
Harrington, F 7 10 0  
White, F 2 0 1  
W. White, C 5 1 2  
Scheel, G 5 2 4  
Lindley, G 2 0 0  
Schindler, G 2 0 0  
T. White, F 0 0 1  
Totals 22 44 8

Nehalem (29) FG FT PF  
Norberg, F 0 0 0  
N. Nekatin, F 4 2 0  
Kibbe, C 4 1 0  
Crawford, G 0 0 0  
Adams, G 5 0 2  
B. Nekatin, F 0 0 3  
Totals 13 35 3

## ROSZIKA PLANNING PLAYMATE POSE WITH NEW MATE

NEW YORK, March 19.—(AP)—Rozsika Doolittle, who tripped into her third matrimonial venture Wednesday, is prepared to be "a playmate, not a drudge," to her new husband, Irving Netcher, vice-president and part of a Chicago department store.

"Men want companions when they marry," declared the dancer, theorizing in the midst of billowy chiffon and lace in a pink bodice. "They want their wives to play, to be merry and happy, not to take life too seriously."

The 35-year-old actress, who has divorced two previous husbands but says she is still "good friends" with both, is hopeful that this marriage will "take."

"You see, I've had experience," she said. "I think I know men. I've tried marriage before, so I should be better qualified to make this marriage successful."

The bride was insistent about her friendship with husband No. 1, Jean Schwartz, and No. 2, son of the late St. Mortimer Davis, Canadian multi-millionaire.

## THEY GET LINDBERGH NEWS FIRST



Lieut. Walter J. Coughlin of the New Jersey state police at the phone as he receives latest news on Lindbergh kidnaping developments in the state house at Trenton, N. J., on a direct wire to the Lindbergh estate near Hopewell, N. J. State Trooper D. Gable is with him. They will be the first to get the news when the baby is returned to its parents.

## FOUR CREMATED WHEN AIRPLANE STRIKES A WIRE

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., March 19.—(AP)—Four persons were reported killed and a fifth injured about 8:30 p.m. tonight when a passenger plane, apparently en route from Phoenix, Ariz., to Los Angeles, struck a high-tension wire near Calimesa, which is between Redlands and Beaumont, and crashed in flames.

The report of the accident was brought in by Dr. A. C. Brennan of Eden Hot Springs.

Dr. Brennan said that he had succeeded in dragging one man from the flaming wreckage and had taken him to Redlands Community hospital. The man was in a critical condition, due to both burns and injuries.

The doctor said the other four passengers apparently died in the crash. The bodies were consumed in the fire.

The plane, flying low, evidently because of a low ceiling due to fog was en route from Phoenix to Glendale, Cal.

Harold J. Kelsey, veteran in the employ of the American Airways, was the pilot of the plane. He was reported killed with the co-pilot, H. H. Campbell.

One of the passengers listed was C. M. Goldsmith, clothing manufacturer of St. Louis, Mo.

## DAVID ROSENBERG AGAIN PRESIDENT OF PEAR BUREAU

At the annual meeting of the Oregon-Washington pear bureau held at the Multnomah hotel in Portland Friday, it was decided to continue the pear advertising which was a successful during the past year, said David Rosenberg of Medford was re-elected president of the organization for the ensuing year.

In spite of extensive expenditure during the past year the treasury report showed a net cash balance of \$3000, and advertising report showed excellent results throughout the country. The excellent pear cuts, made by the Shangle Studio of Medford, were accepted and will be incorporated in this year's pamphlet for the "sport trade."

The research work on the vitamin content of pears, being conducted by Dean Dillman and Dr. Melville of the Oregon Medical school, was reported to be progressing favorably and it is expected definite indications will be announced in the near future. The work is now being conducted particularly on Anjou and Winter Nellis, via the guinea pig route.

The pear research campaign was further mapped out at the meeting and articles and by-laws of the bureau were approved by the following trustees who attended:

Messrs. Herbert and Conant of Yakima; Marsh, Benton and Dockwell of Hood River; Thous of White Salmon; B. D. Rosenberg and Paul Scheraga of Medford.

## Portland Woman Is Dead Result Burns

PORTLAND, Ore., March 19.—(AP)—Mrs. Walter Grossenbacher, 38, of Portland, was burned fatally early today when her bed at a local sanatorium caught fire. She died several hours later.

## TAX BILL SAVED BY ADJOURNMENT IN WILD TURMOIL

Democrats Forced to End House Consideration After Sales Tax Opponents Win—Crucial Hour, Rainey

By CECIL B. DICKSON (Associated Press Staff Writer)  
WASHINGTON, March 19.—(AP)—Resorting to the only drastic means they could save the billion dollar tax bill, Democratic leaders today summarily adjourned a fiery-tempered house amid the wildest scenes of late years.

The move, an effort to save the bill from complete destruction, came after opponents of a sales tax had triumphed anew in propositions opposed by the leadership of both parties.

The spectacular situation was led to a climax, when the sponsor of the bill, Representative Crisp of Georgia, took the floor in the middle of the afternoon after the third defeat and said—while many members stood applauding—that the house was not in a proper frame of mind to legislate. He suggested it cool off until consideration is resumed Tuesday and moved adjournment.

In Crucial Hour  
Speaker Garner hurried into the chamber and returned his gavel as members stood, some shouting and others holding to a quiet tenor.

Seizing the opportunity, Majority Leader Rainey swept into the well and turned on his colleagues, pleaded for the bill and said:

"This is a crucial hour in the history of this republic and there are many of you who do not seem to realize it. We must balance the budget and we must balance it with real taxes and real money."

"This house, I realize at the present time, is run away home. We are adopting measures here without proper consideration."

Step Toward Communism  
"You are opposed to communism and so am I. I want to maintain this government as it is, but let me tell you—during this congress, and you have put the capstone on all of it at the present time, we have made a longer step in the direction of communism than any other country in the world ever made except Russia."

## MOTT TO OPPOSE HAWLEY'S RETURN COUNTY BOURBONS OUT FOR OFFICE

PORTLAND, Ore., March 19.—(AP)—James W. Mott, state corporation commissioner, today announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for representative from the first congressional district. He will oppose Willis C. Hawley, incumbent.

Mott's announcement was contained in a letter to James E. Burdett of Multnomah, spokesman for a delegation representing nine Willamette valley counties which previously had urged Mott to make the race. Mott said he would file his formal declaration next week.

Personal contacts he has made, editorial reaction, informal petitions and letters have caused Mott to "come to the conclusion that there is, in fact, a bona fide, substantial and general desire that I undertake this candidacy."

## OREGON INCOMES SHARPLY REDUCED

PORTLAND, Ore., March 19.—(AP)—Incomes in Oregon in 1931 netted the government \$442,253 in federal income taxes, Clyde O. Husley, collector of internal revenue, announced today.

Taxes collected last year for 1930 amounted to \$813,636, or \$371,384 more than was collected this year. There were 32,185 returns filed this year as compared to 30,037 last year including both taxable and non-taxable incomes.

## Klamath Has Snow in Return of Cold

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., March 19.—(AP)—A sharp drop in temperature here today resulted in a snowstorm at noon.

Roads and highways in the district are in bad condition because of heavy rainfall and deep frost penetration.

## KIDNAP ATTEMPT NEAR LINDY HOME STIRS CASE ANEW

Ladder Placed to Nursery Window On Estate of Rich Manufacturer—Intruder Frightened Away

HOPEWELL, N. J., March 19.—(AP)—An attempted kidnaping similar in many respects to that of Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr., and the mysterious questioning of a man who once had been a suspect in the Lindbergh case, injected new interest today into the 18 day old hunt for the famous flyer's son.

But by night state police announced there was no significance to the examination of Henry (Red) Johnson, seaman-suitor of the Lindbergh baby's nurse said, and that there was no possible connection between the attempted kidnaping and the Lindbergh case.

J. Seward Johnson, wealthy surgical dressing manufacturer, said he was convinced an intruder frightened him away from his home in Highland Park, 20 miles from here, had intended to make off with his 2-month-old daughter Diana. A suspect was questioned, but police minimized possible connection with the Lindbergh case.

Meanwhile, the investigation centering at the aviator's hill top home took a new turn when authorities sought for a possible link between the activities of an alleged stolen automobile ring at Hopewell, and the kidnaping.

Seen Near Estate  
Inspectors of the motor vehicle department arrested one man and reported to state police two of his friends had been seen near the Lindbergh estate the day before the child was stolen.

All three were questioned by the investigators but no report was made as to the result.

The secret removal of Johnson from the Newark jail where he has been held on a charge of illegal entry, renewed hope that longwaited "break" in the case might be near.

He was taken to Jersey City where it was understood he was questioned by Governor A. Harry Moore.

Then a call was sent from the Lindbergh home that Johnson was wanted there immediately. He was (Continued on Page Five)

## Widow 109 Would Wed Again But Suitor Too Young

ST. PAUL, March 19.—(AP)—Mrs. Mary Barlowe is 109 years old today and her son, Louis, 64, helped her celebrate it with an important announcement.

He said she wanted to take a fourth fling at married life, but couldn't make up her mind about her suitor, who is only 40.

She keeps house for Louis, doing all the cooking and washing. And she sees without glasses.

## FEHL'S RETRIAL PLEA ALLEGES IRREGULARITIES

Motion for a new trial in the case of Roy Parr, game warden, vs. Earl H. Fehl and the Pacific Record-Herald was filed in circuit court yesterday afternoon by Fehl and his attorneys. Irregularity of the jury and of the adverse party and his attorneys is given as grounds.

Officer Parr was awarded a judgment of \$15,000 in the verdict of the jury in the recent libel suit, and the newspaper office was closed down one week ago by the sheriff's office in execution of the judgment. Fehl's attorneys state in the motion for a new trial that the verdict was excessive and "given under influence of bitter passion and prejudice."

The motion is accompanied by seven affidavits, submitted in attempt to show that the jury was prejudiced and indulged in irregularities. Most of them are aimed at statements made by Mrs. Max GeBauer. One jury

also implicates the foreman of the jury. The motion further states that the court "erred in its instructions to the jury, commenting on the evidence," and "in submitting to the jury the question of special damages."

The affidavits are signed by John Knight, Ted Wilson, A. C. Abrams, Dorell Alton, Harvey Grogg, Max Carlie Walker and Oren H. Kring. Exhibits "eight" and "nine," signed by Fehl and his attorney, E. E. Kelly, also tend to show that the jury was prejudiced and did not base the verdict upon evidence produced during the trial.

Abrams, who makes his home at the W. F. Campbell residence on East Main street, in his affidavit, refers to a conversation overheard there during which Mrs. GeBauer, he states, showed that "her attitude with respect to Mr. Fehl was a bitterly hostile and prejudiced one."

Huson, who reports a conversation in his place of business on Sixth street, credits Mrs. GeBauer with saying that "the verdict was not rendered upon the evidence in the case."

Mrs. Carrie Walker further quotes her as saying "that I had my mind made up when I went on the jury."

## SURPLUS WHEAT EXPORT FINANCE PLAN ATTACKED

WASHINGTON, March 19.—(AP)—Trouble developed today on Capitol Hill over administration suggestions to use reconstruction finance corporation funds to finance foreign sales of the farm board's surplus wheat and cotton.

Senator Smith, (D., S. C.), author of the resolution making \$200,000,000 immediately available for crop loans, declared against diverting half of this for financing export credit.

He said it can have nothing but a "disastrous effect upon the market at this time."

Meanwhile, Secretary Hyde and Chairman Stone of the farm board declared there was no intention of "dumping" these surplus stores or disrupting orderly marketing plans.

Hyde said the administration plans contemplated seeking new American markets—such as the orient. He added the \$75,000,000 available for crop loans is sufficient and "to expand these loans only means stimulating production."

"Exporting the surplus now and getting it out of the country will increase the price of next year's crop," the secretary said in a statement tonight.

## DANGER OF FLOOD BELIEVED PAST AS DOWNPOUR SLACKS

Report From Rogue Headwaters Says Flow Diminishing—Coast Highway Is Blocked Near Crescent

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., March 19.—(AP)—Levees were being constructed hastily tonight at Alturas in northern California to protect the city from the rising waters of the Pit river.

Many homes already were surrounded by water 10 to 18 inches deep and rain was still falling.

The entire Pit valley, reports received here said, is flooded.

With the cessation of rain yesterday afternoon residents of many sections of the valley discarded their fears of flood and fishermen rejoiced over the highness of the river.

Beyond Bybee bridge on the Table Rock road the Rogue is reported overflowing more than a foot of water. Owners of cabins along the banks of the river were becoming alarmed yesterday morning, but rested more easily late yesterday when informed that the water line was lowering at Prospect.

Water at Gold Ray dam was within eight feet of the bridge. The fallways on both sides were invisible as was the island between the spillway and the power house. Only the tops of the willows could be seen on the big dam below Gold Ray.

The water is the highest it has been since 1927, anglers state, and salmon fishing was better that year than it has been any season since. They are therefore expecting some big catches this spring.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 19.—(AP)—Receding waters in Oregon's larger streams lessened the flood danger tonight.

The crest of the Willamette flood was reached at Eugene today after townships had been covered and a number of householders forced to take refuge. Low spots on highways on both sides of the city were flooded and transportation halted.

The peak of the rise at Albany was expected to be reached Sunday afternoon but little damage was reported in that region other than the destruction of a bridge approach near Crabtree.

Unusually heavy rains and high temperatures which melted heavy accumulations of snow in the mountains caused small streams to become torrents. The rain had ceased today, except for occasional showers.

The Oregon coast highway was blocked. Landslides south of Port Orford in Curry county blocked traffic, and the destruction of the Smith river bridge north of Crescent City, Cal., was another barrier.

Eastern Oregon, drenched by hard rain, was in better condition today as the Grande Ronde river at La Grande and the Umatilla river at Pendleton, went back into their channels. Cooler weather and cessation of the rain ended the flood which blocked highways and delayed rail transportation.

Oregon Weather  
Generally fair Sunday and Monday, but cloudy on the coast; moderate temperature; fresh west and northwest wind offshore, becoming variable.

WILL ROGERS says:  
BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 19.—I see where a bunch of 'em are trying to defeat the sales tax. Canada and everywhere that have tried it have found it absolutely satisfactory.

The idea that a tax on something keeps anybody from buying it is a lot of "hokey." They put it on gasoline all over the country and it hasn't kept a soul at home a single night or day. You could put a dollar a gallon on and still a pedestrian couldn't cross the street with safety without armor.

We are three million in the hole and will be three more next year and not a congressman has got nerve to ask his voters to pay part of it.

You can talk hoarding, you can talk lack of confidence, but the biggest handicap to a return of prosperity is that there is an election this fall.

Will Rogers  
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