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Forecast: Tonight and Wednesday
fair; moderate temperature.
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Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.

ROOSEVELT and Garner, with Garner's following making possible the nomination of Roosevelt without a prolonged convention fight. It was gratifying for this service. In all probability, that brought about the nomination of Garner for vice-president.

That and the desire to placate Mr. Hearst, who has been beating the drum for Garner for president.

NOMINEE ROOSEVELT files to Chicago to address the convention which has just nominated him. This precedent is broken.

ARRIVING in Chicago, he is greeted by the cheers of the crowds, and is then NOTIFIED by Senator Walsh, chairman of the convention, that he has been nominated as the candidate of the Democratic party for president of the United States.

Precedent is broken again. In the past, it has been customary to wait for weeks to notify the candidate of his nomination, the notification being made in a stilted and formal speech.

Whereupon the candidate has accepted in an equally formal speech.

IN THE DAYS when this custom originated, communication was slow. It was days and days before the candidate himself even heard the news, and it took weeks to assemble a party to notify him with proper form and ceremony of the event.

Travel in those days was by horse stage, and transmission of news was by mail, which was carried by these same horse stages.

Even this country, which is the newest of the great nations, has gone a long way from its beginnings.

NOW, transmission of news is instantaneous, first by radio, followed more voluminously by the telegraph, the words carried by the telegraph being spread abroad by extra editions of the newspapers.

Not only the successful candidate, but the whole world knows immediately what has happened.

SO, YOU SEE, the ancient custom of waiting weeks to notify the candidate of his nomination is utterly and wholly out of date—an absurdity at which people have been laughing for years.

The Democratic convention is to be congratulated for abandoning this ancient and hoary custom. There are absurdities enough in politics without that one.

THE HOLDING of conventions in June, with from four to five months intervening before the election, is another survival of ancient custom.

In the days when the June date for conventions was established, it took time, and the country and carry around over the country and to get the issues to the voters. Travel was slow and the country was big. Four to five months were none too much.

NOW TRAVEL is fast. But travel is no longer necessary in campaigning, although the "swing around the circle," which wears the candidate to a shadow and leaves him voiceless and exhausted before he completes it, is still considered a part of the show.

The radio carries the voice of the candidate himself to the far corners of the country. The newspapers spread his every word in print. The newsreels show him in action, so that people everywhere are accurately familiar with his appearance.

The long and tiresome and disturbing campaign is no longer a necessity, but is only a survival of custom.

Maybe the great political parties, in time, may become intelligent enough to hold their conventions not earlier than late September.

Stranger things have happened.

MEIER AND HOSS IN HOT WRANGLE OVER CAR LICENSE

Governor to Take Issuance of Tags From Secretary of State—Audit of Books Also Asked by Meier

SALEM, July 5.—(AP)—Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state, in a letter to Governor Julius L. Meier, issued immediately following the argument between the two state officials at noon today over license plates, explained why he would not accept quarterly payments of license. In his letter Hoss enclosed a copy of the attorney general's opinion upon which Hoss said he based his refusal to adopt the quarterly plan.

SALEM, Ore., July 5.—(AP)—Issuance of automobile license plates will be taken out of the hands of the secretary of state and be sold through the offices of the governor and state treasurer in order to provide quarterly payments, Governor Julius L. Meier declared here today during a heated discussion with Secretary of State Hal E. Hoss.

The governor asked Hoss if he had changed his mind in refusing to issue licenses on the quarterly payment plan as suggested by the executive. Hoss replied he had not as long as the law prohibited him from doing so.

Three Cent Stamp To Carry Letters Starting Tomorrow

WASHINGTON, July 5.—(AP)—American citizens tomorrow will start using the new three-cent stamp and help get the government out of the red.

The three-cent is printed in purple and bears the familiar Stuart portrait of Washington.

Four brilliant new stamps are being manufactured. Despite the publicity given the change in postal rates, officials say that thousands of letters probably will be mailed tomorrow and in the next few days bearing the old two-cent variety.

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COLLEGE MERGER PETITIONS STOLEN PROponents SAY

Masked Men Take Signed Documents From Safe in Portland Office—Opponents of Plan Are Accused

PORTLAND, Ore., July 5.—(AP)—Two suitcases said to have contained signed petitions for major physical changes in the higher education system of Oregon were stolen last night by two masked men who held up the watchman in a Portland office building, police reports said.

Robert Tallman, the watchman, said he was taken by surprise by the men. One of them held him at pistol point while the other walked to the safe and opened it apparently without difficulty, he said.

The safe was in the office of Supt. E. Brownell. Cyril Brownell, a member of the firm, said he had opened the safe earlier in the evening but was sure he had locked it again.

Clams Brbe Offered

Surrill H. Slocum, the other member of the firm, told police, they said, he was approached recently by a man who offered him \$500 to stop his activities in behalf of the physical changes in the educational system, chief feature of which is the proposed consolidation of the University of Oregon with Oregon State College on the campus at Corvallis. Police quoted Slocum as saying he had flatly refused the offer.

Slocum also said an editor of a Eugene newspaper had asked him to give up the work.

Robbers Masked

Because of the masks the two robbers wore, Tallman was unable to give police a good description of the men.

Mark Woodruff, press agent for the committee supporting the consolidation measure, said the petitions bore 20,000 signatures.

"It is very evident that opponents of the consolidation bill are responsible for the holdup and robbery," said Slocum, manager of the campaign for the Marlon County Taxpayers' Equalization league.

"No other people would have done it."

"Opponents of the bill have feared, and this proves it, to let the people vote on the measure."

"They first went to the supreme court for a decision that changed the title to the bill, and thereby caused us to lose 26,000 names on petitions."

Blamed for Strike

"Our opponents know that we would begin collecting names immediately for the second filing. They then hired members of the communistic group in Portland to organize a strike among our workers. They demanded 10 cents a name. We got volunteers enough to work to break that strike."

"We then began to understand some of the desperation in the heart of those opponents of consolidation. I hired a guard to watch the safe in which the names rested each night and I planned to take the petitions to Salem in an armored car—fearing that a stickup might be tried."

"I have sent for Zorn (Henry Van Zorn, president of the Marlon County Taxpayers' Equalization League) and other advisers. It is possible that enough indignation may be aroused by this outrage to enable us to get 20,000 names by Wednesday night."

The completed petitions must be filed by July 7.

Sues Aimee's Hubby



Myrtle Joan St. Pierre (above), Hollywood nurse, brought \$200,000 breach of promise suit against David Hutton, husband of Aimee Semple McPherson.

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VETO BY HOOVER FOR TWO BILLION RELIEF EXPECTED

Compromise Measure Approved by House and Senate Conferees—House to Consider Bill Tomorrow

WASHINGTON, July 5.—(AP)—Senator Watson, the Republican leader, said today that President Hoover would veto the \$2,100,000,000 unemployment relief bill and insist that congress stay in session until a new measure has been passed.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—(AP)—The \$2,100,000,000 compromise unemployment relief bill was finally approved today by house and senate conferees.

Indications, meanwhile, were increasing that President Hoover planned to veto the measure if the conferees report is approved in its present form by the senate and house.

Representative Ratney of Illinois, the Democratic leader, and a member of the conferees committee said the report would be taken up tomorrow by the house.

The conferees approved the final draft of the compromise agreement in the same form in which it was tentatively agreed to last Saturday, carrying \$800,000,000 for direct relief loans to states; \$322,000,000 for public construction and \$1,000,000,000 for loans through the reconstruction corporation, both public and private.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—(AP)—President Hoover, in a brief message to congress today, asked for a special appropriation of \$120,000,000 to continue the activities of the president's organization on unemployment relief.

The chief executive pointed out that congress had omitted an appropriation for the unemployment organization, headed by Walter S. Gifford. In the second deficiency bill recently enacted.

Should no appropriation be given, Mr. Hoover said, "there would be grave danger of national, state and local volunteer groups concluding that services such as they have rendered were no longer necessary."

Tammany Would Draft N. Y. Governor As N. Y. Governor

NEW YORK, July 5.—(AP)—The Evening Post says today it has learned that a Tammany movement is under way looking to the nomination of former Governor Alfred E. Smith for a fifth term as the state's chief executive.

Prominent Tammany leaders are said by the Post to want Smith drafted for governor and from persons close to John F. Curry, leader of the hall, it is understood, Smith's selection would be welcome to the Tammany chieftain.

245 LIVES TOLL AS NATION MARKS 156TH BIRTHDAY

Drownings, Auto Accidents Take Fifty On Coast—6 Boys Victims Dynamite Cap Blast in Butte Park

By the Associated Press.

Fourth of July deaths on the Pacific coast, none of which was caused by fireworks, numbered 15 and brought the total for the three-day week-end holiday period to more than 50.

Drownings and automobile accidents fatalities led the list of casualties.

The largest number of deaths in a single tragedy was at Tillamook, Ore., where the toll of drownings as a result of the swamping of a fishing launch, increased to nine. Coast guards were patrolling Tillamook beach, searching for the bodies.

(By the Associated Press)

America celebrated the 156th anniversary of the birth of the nation at a cost of more than 245 lives.

But the toll was only about half of that of 1931 when nearly 500 persons paid with their lives for their celebration of the Fourth of July.

In recent years, only a comparatively few of those who died this year were the victims of fireworks, which caused by 10 deaths in all. Automobile accidents were the chief cause, 111 being killed in motor mishaps.

Total drownings—81—for the nation fell off considerably from the previous year, when about 181 perished in the water, due in all probability to the fact that cool weather depopulated the beaches to a large extent.

The middle west led all other sections of the country in the number of deaths with more than 90, of which 35 were due to automobile accidents and 51 to drowning. About 50 persons, mostly children, were injured by fireworks in Chicago.

Six Dies in Blast

Of the 10 fatalities from fireworks, six occurred in Butte, Mont., where a pile of dynamite caps exploded.

The following recapitulation shows the deaths and causes by sections:

Section	Drownings	Automobiles	Other Causes	Total
New England	1	3	4	8
Mid-Atlantic States	0	12	7	19
South	0	17	0	17
Southwest	0	20	16	36
Middle West	3	55	51	110
Mountain States	6	1	9	16

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SHREVE'S RETURN FROM TRIP EAST

Being rained on 24 days out of the 30 they spent in Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Minnesota, Mr. and Mrs. Roy R. Shreve and daughters arrived home Saturday night.

Beautiful warm sunshine up to the middle of the day and then the cool windy thunderstorms in the afternoon made the trip by auto ideal.

Mr. Shreve had no trouble in locating his home town, Topeka, Kansas, but Hull, Iowa, the birthplace of Mrs. Shreve, was according to him, a little hard to locate.

Abundance of rain and sunshine he made Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota a beautiful green garden this spring and the crops not washed out by heavy rains are wonderful. "But when a brother of Mrs. Shreve whom we visited in Minnesota, who is a stock buyer, walks on to a ranch and buys nine head of 250-pound hogs and pays the rancher \$70 net, called the rancher for voting the populist ticket," says Roy.

Nine and nine-tenths cents is the price per gallon paid for gasoline in the middle west, running as high as 26 1/2c in Idaho.

The trip to Topeka, Kansas, was made in five days, a distance of 2119 miles.

The best time made on the trip, however, was made between Boise, Idaho, and Medford, a distance registering 586 miles in 14 1/2 hours Saturday.

RANCHER ARRESTED ON HIT AND RUN CHARGE

Harry G. Hill, residing in a cabin in the Footh Creek district, was arrested last night for failure to stop and render aid following an auto crash on the Pacific highway Saturday night. Hill is alleged to have sideswiped the auto driven by L. D. Fornerock of this city, and to have sped onward. The Fornerock car was badly damaged. Hill is held in the county jail pending further action.

The state police trailed Hill to his cabin and arrested him. The case is being further investigated, the authorities say, relative to a drunken driving charge.

House of David Seeks Game Here

According to Louis Puhl, secretary of the VaVley Baseball league, the besieged House of David team may play a local team here July 19. The game with the Kansas all-star girls' team is scheduled for Sunday, July 17.

Mr. Puhl, a former mining man, participated in the gold rush of '98 and is anxious to try his luck in the southern Oregon hills. He is now endeavoring to dispose of his property in Los Angeles. The southern Oregon climate, he stated today, has already proved beneficial to Mrs. Francis, who has been ill for some time.

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Crashing buildings killed Peter Gillett, a retired mail carrier, and Garland Hubka, about 20, of Narika, Kas. The city of approximately 1300 persons immediately was thrown into complete chaos. Reports that two additional persons had been killed could not be verified early today.

Eight of the more seriously injured were taken to a Clay Center, Kas., hospital. Attaches of the hospital said today that none was in critical condition.

Rain Hinders Rescue

Immediate attempts at rescue were stymied after the tornado struck, but such efforts were seriously hampered by a downpour of rain.

The rain halted later in the evening, but complete darkness added to the uncertainty of rescue operations. All electric light service was halted. The wind also wrenched aside the municipal water tower and the water supply was interrupted.

Virtually half of the business section of the town was wrecked.

MEDFORD TAKES FIRST PRIZES IN BEAUTY CONTEST

First honors in pulchritude went to Medford yesterday in the contest conducted at Twin Plunges as a part of the Fourth of July celebration in Ashland.

There were 20 entries in the beauty contest and first and second places were claimed by Medford misses, Miss Mary Arvilla Burns won first prize, and Miss Arvilla Harris second.

Other winners were: Miss Jane King, Ashland, third; Miss Maxie Thompson, Ashland, fourth; Miss Ruth Warren, Ashland, fifth.

Mat Thompson was master of ceremonies for the event, and County Judge C. B. Larkin, assisted by the following staff of beauty critics, acted as judges: J. H. Fuller, O. M. Green and Mr. Blaisdell.

A large crowd viewed the contest and joined in the cheers when Miss Burns was awarded the title of "Miss Southern Oregon." The winner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. (Bobby) Burns of this city.

She is an artist by profession, took first awards in art Medford, Oregon county fair when she was 15 years old, and three first prizes at the Oregon state fair.

BASEBALL RESULTS

New York 3 9 0
Pittsburgh 4 13 1
(11 innings)

Walker and Hogan, O'Parrell; Swift and Grace.

LOS ANGELES PEOPLE SEEK LOCATION HERE

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TWO CHALLENGE POST AND GATTY

HARBOR GRACE, N. P., July 5.—(AP)—James Mattison and Bennett Gariffin, American airmen, in search of a new record the world record, landed at Harbor Grace late today after a hazardous trip from New York. They were lost for hours in a dense fog and overflew their mark, the Harbor Grace airport, by 150 miles, but made their way back.

Ovation Grets Garner When House Reconvenes

WASHINGTON, July 5.—(AP)—Speaker John N. Garner, democratic vice-president of the senate, was greeted with a tremendous burst of applause today as he walked into the house chamber to take the chair for the first time since his nomination.

By previous arrangement, an unusually large number of members were present. The speaker delayed his entrance until just a few minutes before the noon meeting hour.

Garner took the chair, laid his glasses on the desk and rapped for order in vain. At first he stared fixedly at a small card, as if embarrassed, but finally looked up and smiled as the ovation continued for several minutes, punctuated by rebel yells and shouts.

Finally order was restored for the opening prayer. Immediately afterward, Representative Snell, the Republican leader, came forward to the desk and personally congratulated Garner.

This was the signal for another outbreak of applause from the Democrats, who arose to their feet with cheers. Snell was permanent chairman of the Republican national convention.

Rev. Beatty Will Be Presbyterian Guest Preacher

Rev. Frank Ernest Beatty, D. D., and Mrs. Beatty of Wenatchee, Wash., will meet the people interested in the Presbyterian church here Wednesday at 8 p. m. and conduct the weekly prayer meeting.

Dr. Beatty is one of the outstanding ministers of Washington with a church membership of over 1000. He is at the head of the young people's work of that state.

The pulpit committee urges all to come out Wednesday evening and Sunday morning and meet Dr. Beatty.

MEDFORD BANKS ON SOUND FOUNDATION

Reports of the condition of the three banks of this city for the period ending June 30, "show that the city is better off than most communities," according to Ben F. Harder, president of the First National bank. The reports show a "slump in business" in accordance with the times, "but reveal a sound condition."

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