

The Weather
 Medford: Tonight and Thursday, fair. Little change in temperature.
 Temperature:
 Highest yesterday 84
 Lowest yesterday 54

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AUTO MORATORIUM ENDS JULY 31

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.
 HERE is a quite interesting statement printed in the latest issue of the Oregon Voter, whose editor, C. C. Chapman, rates as one of Oregon's leading tax authorities:
 "In this year of 1932, taxes and other public charges are absorbing approximately one-third of the income of the people of Oregon."
 That is to say, of each \$3 you receive in income, you pay out, in one form or another, ONE DOLLAR in taxes.

MR. CHAPMAN tells us that according to the highest estimates the total income of ALL the people of Oregon this year will be about three hundred million dollars.
 Our population is roughly a million persons, so his figures would allow \$300 to the person. For a family of four, that would amount to \$1200 for the year, or an income of \$100 per month. When we consider the number of families whom we know to be receiving more than that, the amount named seems small.
 But when we consider those who are certainly receiving less than \$100 per month and when, in addition, we think of the pitifully large numbers receiving nothing at all in the way of income this year, we must agree that the figures are probably not far off.

NOW as to taxes:
 "The tax and fee charges of federal, state and local governments," the Voter says, "including the heavy increases being levied by the federal government, will be about \$96,000,000 this year. This sum is about one-third of the income of the people."
 So there you have the story, in cold figures.

SO MUCH for Oregon. Let us now go on to the United States as a whole. The Voter says:
 "For the United States as a whole, the tax charges will absorb about 30 per cent of the income of the people. Income this year is estimated by several authorities at fifty billion dollars."
 "Tax and fee charges of federal, state and local governments will amount this year to the unprecedentedly high sum of fifteen billion dollars, or 30 per cent of the fifty billion dollars of income."

YOU will have noted the statement that Oregon's total income this year will be in the neighborhood of 300 million dollars.
 This, the Voter says, is about half what our income amounted to in the normal years of 1927 to 1929.
 So, if your income is only half what it was back in those good years, you are no worse off than the average.

LET us now take another look at the United States as a whole, paying special attention this time to what has happened over the entire country in the way of income reduction. The Voter says:
 "In the big years of 1927 to 1929, the total income of the people of the United States as a whole was 90 billion dollars. This year it is estimated by several of the same authorities at 50 billion dollars."

YOU may not like figures, and it so you have probably skipped what is here written. But if you have followed the figures here presented, you will have noted these facts:
 Total income of the people of Oregon since 1927 to 1929—which were big years—has shrunk about one-half. Total income of all the people of the United States in the same period has shrunk about one-half.
 Taxes here in Oregon this year will absorb about one-third of total income. Taxes in the United States as a whole this year will absorb about one-third of total income.

THAT is to say, what has been going on here in Oregon has been going on all over the country. Our incomes here have shrunk about in proportion to the shrinkage in incomes over the country at large. The proportion of our income taken by taxes here in Oregon is almost identical with the

GOVERNOR SPIKES EXTENSION RUMOR BY EXTRA SESSION

No Further Period of Grace Will Be Given Oregon Car Owners, Is Firm Declaration From Governor Meier

PORTLAND, Ore., July 27.—(AP)—The license plate "moratorium" expires July 31. No further extension or period of grace will be extended. This was the statement of Governor Julius L. Meier here today.
 "This statement spiked reports that the governor was giving consideration to a proposal to further extend the time within which automobile drivers of the state may operate with old license plates."
 The executive continues to receive, however, many letters urging him to call a special session of the legislature to enact legislation relieving the motorists by reduction in fees or through providing a plan of installment buying.
 Statement stands
 "I stated when I extended the moratorium to Aug. 1 that there would be no further extension, and at that statement stands," Meier said here today upon his arrival from Salem.
 He was asked what he knew about the survey of the automobile license situation undertaken by Charles P. Pray, superintendent of state police.

HOSS SLAPS AT PUBLISHERS OF EXTENSION HINT

SALEM, July 27.—(AP)—Reports published yesterday of further consideration of the automobile license extension, reputed to have been authorized by Governor Julius L. Meier, will cost the state considerable money in license fees, Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state, said today.
 "Proposals of an extended moratorium or a special session of the legislature, whether in reality or only in surmises, has already resulted in a falling off again of license buying. Many large oil companies, common carriers and stage lines, ready to pay the license fees, have not done so, but will wait until the last moment to purchase, Hoss said. Also he said reports have come into his office to the effect that some contractors, working on state jobs alone, are operating 24 hours a day in order to complete their contracts by August 1, and then lay up their trucks for at least the remainder of the half year."
 Hoss revealed yesterday that the state police were conducting a survey of the situation among automobile drivers without new license plates. Police officials said the action "might be voluntary," and refused to confirm the report that the action was taken at the request of the governor.
 The action has been interpreted by various newspapers to mean either the consideration of a special session of the legislature to afford relief, or the extension of the moratorium for an additional 15 days, or until August 15. Neither report has been confirmed.
 Hoss said today that just a few over 100,000 licenses had been sold to date, compared to 187,000 at the same time a year ago.

Militant Kansas Widow Lambasts Farm Board

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 27.—(AP)—A militant Kansas widow, who barred a brawny man to prove she is a real "girl farmer," told the Sherman house committee today the only thing that would help the farmers of her state "is to kick the devil out of the farm board."
 The witness, Mrs. Ida Watkins of Sublette, tried to impress members of the committee investigating government competition with private business they were listening to the actual operator of a 4500-acre wheat farm.
 She relied up a sleeve of her black dress, disclosing a bronzed, muscular arm.
 "Gentlemen, if you don't think I'm a wheat shoveler, look at this arm, or ask any man in my county," she challenged.
 Mrs. Watkins, sometimes called the

Stabbing Mystery Cleared by Youth's Confession

REDS' WHISPER PLOT TO WRECK BANKS REVEALED

DOCUMENTS SHOW WIDESPREAD MOVE TO CREATE DOUBT Pontiac, Mich., Seat of Radical Campaign Is Believed Secret Service On Path of Ringleaders in Plot

PONTIAC, Mich., July 27.—(AP)—Seizure of letters and other documents in a hotel room here revealing the existence of a "whispering campaign" by a radical group designed to undermine banks of the country started a widespread move to create doubt in the minds of the public as to the soundness of the financial system.
 State police said the letters revealed that George Rowland, who came here recently, is one of several regional directors conducting a campaign against banks in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. Other directors, they said, are scattered over the country, circulating rumors against banks.
 Apparently warned by a confederate, Rowland did not return to his hotel room as officials waited for him. An order was issued for his arrest, and all law-enforcement agencies in the large cities of the midwest were asked to cooperate.
 Police and federal authorities at Grand Rapids, Mich., revealed that they have obtained copies of an unsigned letter purporting to instruct radical workers to carry on a campaign against banks.
 This letter said that "early September when vacationists have returned should prove ideal" for a concentrated attack.
 WASHINGTON, July 27.—(AP)—Radical rumors circulated against banks of the country are being closely followed by the United States secret service, which already has investigated reports of a dozen or more such instances.
 The secret service agents have promptly traced in several cities the circulation of rumors intended to cause runs on banks.
 In a number of instances the agents have found the reports were circulated by disgruntled or hysterical persons and no prosecution has followed.
 In others, state authorities have taken over the prosecution of persons circulating the rumors.
 CHICAGO, July 27.—(AP)—Melvin A. Traylor, president of the First National bank of Chicago, said today he had reports from practically every large city in the nation concerning a plot to wreck banks by circulating unfounded rumors against them.

BARTLETT PICKING IN EARLY AUGUST

Picking of the Bartlett crop will start in the majority of Rogue River valley orchards the second week in August, according to announcement from representative orchardists today.
 During the pear season between 2000 and 2500 laborers will be employed, is the estimate of the local labor bureau. Since a definite move is on to limit hiring to local laborers the harvesting season is expected to do much toward solving the existing unemployment problem.

AMBROSE UNHURT POLICE DECLARE

PORTLAND, July 27.—(AP)—Rumors, current in Klamath Falls, that Keith Ambrose, state policeman, was wounded this week at Brookings in Curry county, were denied by the state police offices here and at Salem. Neither office was able to account for the report.
 Captain Lee M. Bown, of the southern Oregon district, said this afternoon, he had no report of any accident to Patrolman Keith Ambrose. He queried Gold Beach as soon as advised of the report. Captain Bown scouted the rumor, and has no idea how it started. He said in case of a major accident, he would be notified immediately.
 Autoist Killed When Car Flips
 MADRAS, Ore., July 27.—(AP)—Eugene Winder, 67, of Shelton, Wash., was fatally injured last night when his automobile overturned at the top of Cow Canyon. He attempted to pass another car and his machine went out of control. Mrs. C. M. Padgett of Portland, his sister-in-law, riding with him, received minor injuries.

AMERICAN PLANTS ON CANADIAN SOIL ARE JEOPARDIZED

Investment of \$500,000,000 in Balance As British Trade Conference Talks Question Empire Content

By Frank I. Weller, (Associated Press Staff Writer.)
 OTTAWA, Ont., July 27.—(AP)—The future of more than 100 American branch plants in Canada, representing an investment of about \$500,000,000, was in the balance today as an imperial trade conference committee took up the question of "empire content."
 "Empire content" is the percentage of empire materials or labor which an article must contain to qualify for customs entry under empire preferential tariff rates.
 At present, with certain exceptions in individual instances, the standard of empire content now is 50 per cent in Canada and New Zealand, 75 per cent in Australia and 25 per cent in the Irish Free State, the United Kingdom and South Africa.
 What the conference may do about a blanket increase in the required percentages or in special restrictions on selected articles is of very real concern to the American branch factories in Canada and American interests supplying products to be finished by dominion or other concerns within the empire.
 There is a notion among the delegates that the percentage of empire content should be uniform among the dominions and colonies, with exceptions where necessary.
 A sub-committee was appointed yesterday to consider the comparative advantages of:
 (1) High empire content with exceptions downward.
 (2) Low empire content with exceptions upward.
 British industrialists want an increase in the British empire content rate. They argue that it is not high enough to prevent American manufacturers sending parts to Canada, assembling them in a Canadian branch factory, and shipping the finished product to Great Britain under British preferential rates.
 American business leaders were quoted here as advising caution in Canadian branch factories lest those plants merely assemble American parts across the border. Their costs increased by higher empire content requirements or their investment jeopardized by the possibility of an economic conference putting into effect lower American-Canadian tariffs.
 In conflict with this view, however, was a report in conference circles that the United States Steel company plant at Ojibway had instructions to expand its capacity in the event Canadian and British interests successfully conclude negotiations looking toward the latter supplying materials not conspicuously manufactured here now.

CALL CONFERENCE ON FIVE-DAY WEEK

WASHINGTON, July 27.—(AP)—President Hoover today called upon representatives of the New England conference to meet with him at the White House next Monday at 11 a. m. to discuss plans for spreading the five day work week in industry.
 The conference was called in answer to a request last week by Governor Winant, of New Hampshire, that the president discuss with New England representatives plans for a wider distribution of employment through shorter working hours.

DEATH SENTENCE METED ASSASSIN

PARIS, July 27.—(AP)—Dr. Paul Gorguloff was found guilty tonight of the premeditated assassination of President Paul Doumer last May.
 The death sentence was imposed on the assassin, whose defense has been that he was mentally irresponsible for the crime. The sentence will be carried out in the guillotine.
 Gorguloff shot President Doumer May 6 at a charity exhibition for war veterans. The president died the next morning.

REVENGE MOTIVE FOR SLAYING OF WEALTHY WOMAN

George Templeton, U. of C. Student, Says Uncle Defrauded Father—Expected to Inherit Fortune

SAN JOSE, Cal., July 27.—(AP)—A strange story of revenge which led a 20-year-old youth to kill his aunt and attempt to slay his uncle, a wealthy Manila importer and exporter, to avenge a wrong done his father, was told by San Jose authorities today.
 The youth, George Douglas Templeton, Jr., University of California student, authorities said, confessed in Oakland, Cal., where he was arrested early today.
 Calm and apparently without regret, he was brought here to be charged with murder for the killing of Mrs. Lillian Babcock.
 Uncle Near Death.
 Meanwhile, William R. Babcock, head of the Philippine delegation to the Olympic games and former business partner of Templeton's father, lay dangerously wounded in the Palo Alto hospital, where a blood transfusion was ordered.
 The desire for revenge, the confession related, lingered on the five-year litigation between Babcock and George D. Templeton, Sr., formerly partners in Babcock & Templeton, Manila importing and exporting firm of which Babcock is now president.
 The death of Babcock and his wife, authorities quoted young Templeton as saying, would not only avenge a loss of a "large sum of money" by the boy's father, but would rehabilitate his finances through inheritance from the elder Templeton's sister, Mrs. Babcock.
 Crime Story Told.
 The story of the planning of the (Continued on Page Two)

TESTIMONY ENDED IN NIEDERMAYER-FEHL CIVIL CASE

Testimony in the civil suit of Niedermeyer, Inc., against E. H. Fehl, editor of the Pacific Record-Herald, for the foreclosure of a \$5000 chattel mortgage and promissory note, was concluded this morning with the taking of depositions of H. A. Thieroff, lumber dealer, and Frank C. Clark, architect, and the introduction of a number of documentary exhibits.
 Clark testified that while the Holly theater was under construction, he showed Fehl a check given him by L. Niedermeyer, with the query, "what are you going to get?"
 Fehl replied, according to Clark's testimony, that "he would be satisfied to get the building up, so it would enhance the property values on Sixth street."
 Thieroff testified to the purchase of materials for the Holly.
 Circuit Judge Earl C. Latourrette of Oregon City left yesterday afternoon by plane, with instructions to (Continued on Page Four)

JANITORS NAMED FOR COURT HOUSE

The county court yesterday named Joseph Daniels, incumbent of this city, and R. E. Bell of Ashland, as janitors for the new county courthouse. The selection was made from a list of 64 applicants from all parts of the county, some being accompanied by petitions signed by friends and neighbors. The salary is \$75 per month, and appointments become effective August 1, as there is a world of housecleaning to be done about the new courthouse.
 Daniels has been courthouse janitor for slightly more than two years. Bell is an experienced janitor and has been a resident of Ashland for several years. He is married and has five children.
 Owing to the size of the courthouse, the services of two janitors will be required. It is figured to place one on day duty, and one on night duty.
 The board of control is composed of Mayor E. M. Wilson, chairman; W. S. Bolger, C. E. Gates, Eugene Thorn-dike, G. L. Ray and K. G. Knutsen.

WILL ROGERS says:
 BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 26.—My good friend Senator Borah cancelled the debts over the radio Saturday night and they hadn't any more than announced the tooth paste company that sponsored it than the boys commenced shooting at him. Borah cancelled 'em because I guess he knew he wasn't going to get 'em.
 But if a man owes you some money and he is having hard sledding, you don't go to him and say—"Well, that's all right, buddy, here is the note, I will just tear it up." No sir, that's not done. In fact, he never asks or expects that he always understands that he is to pay when he gets it. An individual couldn't single handed assemble that much nerve. It takes nations to concentrate that much.
 Will Rogers
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