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EVANS VALLEY MAN SLAYS SELF

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.

"IT'S GOING TO RAIN!"

These encouraging words were spoken to this writer day before yesterday by Rufus Wood, who sells advertising for the News-Review, of Roseburg, where these words are written.

"I feel it in my bones," he added, "and besides it's beginning to haze over."

IT DIDN'T RAIN—at least it hasn't yet.

Mr. Wood's bones misled him, and as for the haze it was from slashing fires.

So that disposes of Rufus as a prophet.

"IT'S GOING TO RAIN" within three days!

This hopeful prophecy was voiced yesterday morning by Julian Perkins, just after proffering to this writer one of his famous home-made cigarettes.

He makes 'em with one of these little hickies they sell in the tobacco stores. A package of tobacco costs him 16 1/2 cents, and he makes 'em up at night after he goes home. It takes him about an hour and a half to make 100, he says.

He's the biggest real estate owner in Roseburg, and he's prouder than punch of this little economy.

It isn't much of an economy at that, for what he saves in tobacco he loses by giving cigarettes to his friends to prove how good they are.

"HOW do you know it's going to rain?" this writer demanded of Julian.

"Well," he answered, "I heard the geese going over last night, headed south; and about three days after the first geese go over it always rains."

IT HASN'T rained yet—at least as these words are written, although it may rain before they are printed.

So as weather prophets, Rufus Wood's bones, the haze that he thought he saw and Julian Perkins' geese are not so hot.

But then, you know, all signs fall in dry weather. The prognosticators invented that wise crack long ago in order to provide themselves with an alibi.

IT'S DRY over here—very, very dry indeed for Western Oregon.

For once, everybody west of the mountains is crying for rain. The stockmen want it to start the winter pasture. The merchants want it to start winter buying. The housewives want it to stop the dust that pours through the open doors and windows—for it is as hot here in October as it ought to be in August.

The timbermen, it ought to be added, want a rain to stop the forest fires, which are running wild in a number of places in the Willamette valley. The air is heavy with smoke.

"WE WENT out to the farm the other day to burn some slashings," Henry Booth, president of the Douglas National Bank, says, "but the burning was pretty much of a fizzle because on that day the humidity was high."

"The day before the humidity was abnormally low, and it's probably a good thing we didn't start our slashings that day or we'd have burned up the whole county."

Up to a few years ago we wondered why fires ran wild one day and just smoldered the next. Then along came the forest service and told us it was the humidity that made the difference. On days when the humidity is low the dry timber burns like a handful of powder, but on days of low humidity, fire spreads hardly at all.

HERE in Douglas county, incidentally, it seems probable that the prairie men, who have a crop, will at least break even this year, for the price is a little better than last year.

Some of the better operators will make a little money, it is said—the better operators being those who have kept their costs low.

TURKEY prices are expected to open somewhere around 20 cents per pound. This is lower by quite a little than last year, but even at that it seems probable that turkeys will be the most profitable crop in Douglas county this year. The price is down

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L. E. NEATHAMER FOURTH SUICIDE WITHIN 19 DAYS

Farm Near Rogue River Is Scene of Latest Chapter in Self-Destruction Series—Dependency Is Cause

Lindsay E. Neathamer, 55, a life long resident of the Evans Valley district near Rogue River, in the north end of the county, died last night in a Grants Pass hospital from a self-inflicted bullet wound in the head, fired late Sunday afternoon, in deep dependency due to ill-health and worry over domestic trouble.

It was the fourth suicide in this county in the last nineteen days.

Neathamer, according to the investigation of the state police, has been suffering from a weak heart for some time, and inclined to nervous periods. Last Thursday his wife filed suit for divorce, alleging cruelty as grounds. This, according to the authorities, heightened his dependency and he has been under the care of a brother for several days. Friends and neighbors had endeavored to cheer him up, and Saturday it was felt that he was in a cheerful frame of mind.

Appeared Cheerful

Sunday afternoon he went to the home of his brother and appeared cheerful. After a few minutes of conversation, he left \$15 to be delivered to his brother.

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WEST DISCUSSES FREIGHT BILL AT KIWANIS SESSION

An analysis of the proposed Highway Protection law, better known as the Freight Truck and Bus bill, was given today at the meeting of the Kiwanis club at the Hotel Medford by Oswald West, who showed through a presentation of figures on road costs and tax collections that only four per cent of the annual total of expenditures is borne by motor vehicles operated for compensation.

"In the last eight years," Mr. West stated, "the state, counties and cities have spent \$240,000,000 in the construction and upkeep of roads and streets, being an average annual expenditure of \$30,000,000. Of this \$240,000,000, the taxpayers contribute 52 per cent, the federal government 12 per cent and motor vehicles 36 per cent. The total annual contribution by all motor vehicles operated for compensation through the payment of gas tax, license fees and mileage fees did not exceed, according to Chapman, \$1,200,000, or four per cent of the total annual expenditures."

Proof that these figures of Chapman are more than fair was introduced by Mr. West in a circular issued by the Allied Truck Owners, which stated that all for-hire vehicles paid the state last year: License fees, \$315,097.47; mileage fees, \$201,654.82; gas taxes, \$541,090.

This about three and a half per cent of the total annual expenditure for state and county roads and city streets, and averages \$245.59 per vehicle, Mr. West stated.

Guests at the luncheon today included a number of federal officials: Judge James Alger Fee, United States District Attorney Geo. Neuner, Chas. Eskine, Jack Day, William Graham and Hal Kenyon.

AUTO THIEVES ARE RETURNED TO CITY

Otmer Rannberg, 17, native of Norway, and Edward Balk, 18, of Minneapolis, Minn., were brought back to Medford from Dunsmuir, Calif., Sunday, charged with stealing the P. Courney Kenly roadster from West Main street Saturday afternoon. The two youths are being held in the city jail until information concerning them can be obtained from Minneapolis, officers said.

The boys were picked up by State Traffic Officer Malone of Dunsmuir Saturday evening. Each boy had a suitcase full of new clothes.

Mrs. Kenly had driven the car to town Saturday afternoon, failing to remove the key.

LEGION INSTALLING OFFICIALS TONIGHT

Joint installation of newly elected officers of the American Legion and its auxiliary will be held this evening at the K. P. hall at 8 o'clock, with Carl Y. Tengwald, past commander, acting as master of ceremonies. Paul McDonald of Ashland, state vice-commander, will act as installing officer.

NOTE IN BOTTLE ASKING HELP PUZZLES OFFICERS

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 10.—(AP)—Whether a note purporting to be a call for help from a 15-year-old girl marooned on a small island in the Hawaiian group and found in a corked bottle washed up near Siletz bay is a genuine message of distress or was merely written as a lark by some one who sat the bottle from some nearby beach was an object of conjecture here today.

The note was brought to Portland yesterday by A. A. Donaldson, Oklahoma City lumber dealer. Donaldson said he found the bottle, of pint size and round, on a sandy outside beach near Siletz. The small note was so tightly fitted with a wooden

Flood and Quake Strike Blows in Imperial Valley

COMMUNITY CHEST PLAN ABANDONED FOR COMING YEAR

Changed Conditions Makes System Impractical, View of Directors—Relief Left Up to County and City

The board of directors of the Medford Community Chest, at a meeting held today noon at the Jackson Hotel decided that it will be impractical to conduct a combined drive for memberships in the various organizations composing the chest this year, and that the unemployment and relief problems of the community must be considered and solved by the county court and the city council, in the belief that these problems present obligations to all the citizens and taxpayers in the community, and do not belong only to those who are contributors to the Community Chest.

The board of the chest arrived at the above conclusion after weeks of careful deliberation on the problem of raising funds for charity, unemployment relief, character building, etc., was the statement made this afternoon by E. E. Thorndyke, president of the Community Chest, and Hamilton Patton, chairman of the chest's budget committee.

"Due to the unfavorable publicity received in advance of the chest's proposed campaign, the directors feel that it is impractical to conduct a joint campaign, and we have recommended that the unemployment and relief problem be returned to the county court and the city council, where they rightfully belong," was the statement issued following the meeting.

Recommendations made by the directors for the handling of these problems this winter include the co-ordination of all efforts which may be put forth by the county court and the city council, working with the county relief committee, headed by Judge C. B. Lumkin. It is also proposed that the so-called debt system be eliminated insofar as possible, and that labor be created by the county and city, in order to give unemployed people a chance to earn a living, without being made dependent upon charity for their livelihood.

HOOVER WITH BOYHOOD TEACHER



Memories of his boyhood days in Iowa were recalled to President Hoover when he was host of his special Des Moines-bound train to Mrs. Molly Carran, 77, (left), who taught him in third grade in West Branch, Ia. (Associated Press Photo)

KEENE CREEK WILD MAN HUNTED BY POSSEMEN

State police today were searching the wilds at the head of Keene creek in southeastern Jackson county, in the vicinity of Table Mountain, for a wild man who Sunday morning came to the lookout station on Table Mountain, and threateningly accosted Mrs. George Boussem, wife of the forest service lookout station keeper. The station is located in the wilderness south of the Dead Indian country.

In response to a knock at the door, Mrs. Boussem, who was sitting as lookout while her husband was on patrol, was greeted by a heavily bearded, roughly dressed man, who said:

"I have come to get you."

Mrs. Boussem slammed and barred the door in his face, whereupon the unwelcome visitor shouted:

"Never mind, I'll get you the next time."

State police were called to the scene, and spent Sunday afternoon searching the district. They found tracks leading to and from the lonely lookout station, but no signs of the man. Two men were assigned today to continue the hunt, assisted by a hastily formed posse.

Mrs. Boussem told the state police that the man was middle-aged and "kept chattering like a monkey."

Captain Bown of the state police said it was the first report received of the man, who is thought to be deranged and wandering aimlessly through the brush.

Mrs. Boussem has relatives living in this city. With her husband she has been at the lookout station all summer. She is an expert shot.

WELCOME SNOWS END DROUGHT ERA

(By the Associated Press)

Montana and Wyoming stockmen and farmers today looked out on fields of white—a life blood snow storm for field and farm in the two states which had experienced a 30-day drought.

Snow fell again in Colorado. Wisconsin and Minnesota had their first snow this autumn, accompanied by near-freezing temperatures. Lincoln, Neb., had its first snow of the season, a light one that melted as fast as it fell.

Transportation and communication facilities generally were undamaged in the snow area but a spot of bad flying weather between Cheyenne and Laramie in Wyoming caused air officials to take passengers by bus between the two points.

SAMUEL INSULL HELD IN GREECE

ATHENS, Greece, Oct. 10.—(AP)—Samuel Insull, under indictment in Chicago on charges arising from the collapse of his vast utility interests, was detained by police today on a technically pending extradition proceedings.

Police found him at his hotel and informed him it would be necessary to accompany them to headquarters because his papers were not in order.

The case fell into a stumpp hole at the bottom which was full of water.

The crash occurred as the early morning shift was about to relieve the night workers. The elevator had just started down the shaft when something went wrong with the machinery and the cage dropped.

WEATHER HAMPERING PROGRESS OF FIRES

PORTLAND, Oct. 10.—(AP)—With humidity high over most of western Oregon and rain in sight for tonight and Tuesday, more relief for forest fire fighters was in prospect today than at any time since the serious outbreak last week.

Edward L. Wells, weather man, said the likelihood of rain is more pronounced than at any time since the dry spell started. "A storm area of considerable intensity," he said, "is centered on the north Pacific and is moving this way."

Mail Tribune Straw Ballot

I intend to vote for _____ for President.

I intend to vote for _____ for County Judge.

I intend to vote for _____ for District Attorney.

I intend to vote for _____ for Sheriff.

Please fill out, with or without signature, and mail to Straw Ballot Contest Editor, Mail Tribune.

HOOVER DATES UP CLEVELAND TALK COMING SATURDAY

Plan for Trip to Pacific Still Under Consideration—Many Sections Ask for Speaking Engagements

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—(AP)—Prepared to continue an active part in the campaign for his re-election, President Hoover today arranged to speak next Saturday night in the Cleveland auditorium, where Calvin Coolidge was nominated in 1924.

He probably will return directly to the capital, as he did last week after his Des Moines speech.

Postmaster-General Brown said the President was still considering the possibilities of a transcontinental campaign trip that would carry him to the Pacific coast.

Many Sections Plead.

"Requests for speeches by the President are coming in from all sections of the country," he said.

"They want him in New England and they want him in the far west. He is still considering a western trip, but honestly I do not believe he has reached any final decision."

The postmaster-general said he believed Mr. Hoover would speak in Cleveland on unemployment and possibly upon low farm prices.

"Certainly he will talk about unemployment there," Brown said. "We are feeding thousands of people in Ohio who can't feed themselves. It is one of the most pitiful sights I have ever seen."

Ohio More Favorable.

Both Brown and Carmel Thompson, chairman of the Cuyahoga county Republican organization, who extended the invitation for the Cleveland address, said they believed the political situation in Ohio was lending to become more favorable to the President.

Brown attributed it in part to a "better understanding of the issues of the campaign" brought about by the President's Des Moines speech.

"There is certainly a movement toward the President in Ohio," Thompson added. "You can actually feel it. It has some way to go, but it is going."

19 MINERS DROWN WHEN CAGE FALLS

LEIGH, LANCASHIRE, Eng., Oct. 10.—(AP)—Nineteen mine workers were drowned at the Plank Colliery near here today when an elevator cage carrying a number of workers fell to the bottom of the mine shaft.

The cage fell into a stump hole at the bottom which was full of water.

The crash occurred as the early morning shift was about to relieve the night workers. The elevator had just started down the shaft when something went wrong with the machinery and the cage dropped.

TWO WOMEN DIE IN AUTO MISHAP

MADRAS, Ore., Oct. 10.—(AP)—Miss Myrtle G. Wilson, 29, of Agency, Iowa, and Mrs. Hilda Hamilton, 48, of Portland, were killed near Warm Springs, Ore., last night, when their automobile swerved off a grade and dropped 300 feet into the Deschutes river canyon. Both women were employed on the Warm Springs Indian reservation. The bodies were taken to Redmond.

No one today had reported witnessing the accident, but motorists some distance from the scene said they heard the crash as the automobile struck the bottom of the canyon.

FIRST ROUND RESULTS P.-T.A. TOURNAMENT SHOWN

Results of the first round of the P. A. T. tournament played at the Rogue River Valley Golf course were announced this morning and are as follows:

H. B. Kellom defeated Homer Marx, 8 and 7.

Quin Schenck defeated G. E. Pierce, one up.

Frank Hussong defeated A. E. Orr, 3 and 1.

Sprague Riegel defeated Chas. Strang, 7 and 5.

C. B. Newhall defeated Ted Fish, one up.

Pear Markets

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—(USDA) (AP) Pear auction market: Prices steady on Oregon stock, about steady on California stock; 41 cars arrived; 11 Oregon, 7 New York, 4 California, 3 Washington cars unloaded; 31 cars on track.

Oregon Bartlett, 45,000 boxes extra fancy \$2.00-2.40, average \$2.22; fancy \$1.40-2.50, average \$1.92.

Oregon Boacs, 520 boxes extra fancy \$1.85-2.25, average \$2.13; fancy \$1.60-2.00, average \$1.85.

CHICAGO, Oct. 10.—(USDA) (AP)—Pear prices: 3 Oregon, 4 Washington, 1 Colorado, 1 New York, 2 Michigan cars arrived; 21 cars on track; 4 cars sold.

Oregon Bartlett, 1,540 boxes extra fancy \$1.80-2.65, average \$2.25; 1235 boxes fancy \$1.50-2.10, average \$1.93.

KLAMATH INDIAN, ALLEGED SLAYER, GOES ON TRIAL

Lloyd L. Low, sheriff of Klamath county, was the first witness called by the government in the trial of Racine Weiser, Klamath Indian youth charged with the slaying of his father last summer.

Sheriff Low, from a drawing of the vicinity of the slaying, described the movements of the defendant, before his arrest. He was on the stand at the noon recess.

Trial of Racine Weiser, Klamath Indian youth, charged with second degree murder for the alleged slaying of his father last summer as the tragic climax of a drinking spree, started this morning in federal court here, Judge Alger Fee presiding. The trial is expected to last two days.

A jury and opening statement were made at the morning session.

Young Weiser is expected to plead self-defense and interpose the further plea that he acted in defense of his mother.

The government bases its prosecution upon the allegation that young Weiser, with another Indian and two Indian maidens, the evening before the killing, autoed to Klamath Falls, to attend a carnival. They are alleged to have imbibed freely of strong liquor, and started home late, by auto. Weiser's companions were left at their homes, and after tire trouble, the defendant reached his father's house shortly before 8:00 o'clock in the morning.

The father, Sylvester Weiser, was regarded as "a good Indian," and held a land allotment. He had been divorced from his wife, but they were together.

Young Weiser, the government alleges, kicked in a door when he found the house locked, and his father abed. He procured a gun, and went out into a field and fired it three or four times to call his parent. He then went to the road, crawled through the fence and waited. When his father appeared horseback, the son is alleged to have fired, and killed his father, without warning.

Young Weiser, according to federal officials, told two accounts of the slaying, one being that his father attacked him with a club.

Close to a score of witnesses will be called to testify, including a number of reservation Indians.

Coolidge Attends Kingsley Funeral

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—(AP)—Former President Calvin Coolidge arrived today from Springfield, Mass., to attend the funeral of Darwin P. Kingsley, chairman of the board of the New York Life Insurance company of which Mr. Coolidge is a director.

Coolidge was asked as he left his train what he thought of Republican prospects in the national campaign.

"They're good, of course," he said.

Because Wednesday, Columbus Day, is a legal holiday, all banks of southern Oregon will be closed, according to announcement today.

PRIEST HER ABDUCTOR IS SCHOOL TEACHERS CLAIM

STREATOR, Ill., Oct. 10.—(AP)—Courtney, she said, and four of his friends, kept her prisoner at Chicago, Grand Rapids, Mich., and St. Louis until last Wednesday when she escaped and hitch-hiked to Chicago.

The girl called her mother from Chicago Saturday night, stating she was unharmed. The mother returned the girl to her home here yesterday.

A few hours after Miss Haley's disappearance, a warrant charging kidnapping against Courtney was obtained by her brother, James P. Haley. Apparently no trace of the clergyman has been found.

THOUSANDS ACRES UNDER WATER AS RAINS CONTINUING

Trains Are Held Up—Motorists Stranded On Highways—Heavy Damage to Crops—Ditches Ruined

BRAWLEY, Calif., Oct. 10.—(AP)—Thousands of acres in the rich, below-sea level Imperial Valley were under more than a foot of water today as the result of torrential rains during the past 24 hours that brought the precipitation for the week-end storm to approximately 3.5 inches.

Although county agricultural officials could give no estimate of the damage to the crop, it was indicated the loss would be heavy as a late lettuce crop is in the fields.

Southern Pacific trains were being held up at Niland, due to a washed out roadbed southeast of there. Hundreds of motorists were stranded on highways, which, in places, were covered to a depth of three feet by water.

In addition to the damage done crops, irrigation ditches also suffered from the downpour, being washed out in sections and filled at other places with mud and debris.

At the height of the storm yesterday afternoon, a severe earth tremor startled residents here and of the neighboring town of El Centro and caused them to run to the streets.

The crack Southern Pacific train Golden State Limited was derailed near Niland when it hit a soft spot in the roadbed. An unidentified hobnob was injured.

ROOSEVELT PLANS SWING THRU DIXIE ON 8-DAY JAUNT

HYDE PARK, N. Y., Oct. 10.—(AP)—Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, putting the final touches on plans for a campaign swing through Dixie, planned to confer today at Albany with James A. Farley, democratic national chairman.

The eight-day tour will also carry the governor through the middle west to Pennsylvania, western New York and the border states. It will add 3000 miles to the more than 18,000 he has covered since his nomination and will bring the number of states he had crossed to 36.

One other, Rhode Island, probably will be visited before election day, as governor has been represented as eager to visit all 48 states, but pressure of state duties has prevented this.

Tentative plans call for his departure Oct. 18 from New York City.

Yesterday, at his home here, Mr. Roosevelt met for the first time one of his most active convention workers, Senator Huey P. Long, of Louisiana. The Louisiana senator said he did not invite Mr. Roosevelt to New Orleans.

"We'd be glad to see him down there but he's not needed," said Long. "We are more interested in seeing him go where he is needed more."

CAVE RETURNING ACCUSED YOUTH

City Police Officer Joe Carr is expected to return to Medford this evening from Sacramento and Earl Jackson, 16, who is being brought back here in connection with the robbery September 30 of the L. W. House gun shop at 228 North Riverside.

Rud Traganza, 17, arrested with Jackson in connection with the robbery, did not waive extradition, as he is a parole violator from Sacramento, and will be placed back in prison there, according to word received today by Chief of Police Clartus McCredie.

Three of the four guns stolen from House's shop have been recovered, officers said. Two were pawned, and one was traded for clothing. A .33 automatic revolver is still missing.

Von Gronau Down South Of Moulmein

RANGOON, India, Oct. 10.—(AP)—The steamer Katragola, in the bay of Bengal, reported today she was in touch with the round the world airplane of the German flyer, Capt. Wolfgang von Gronau, which was forced down in the bay 100 miles south of Moulmein, and was attempting to tow the plane.