

The Weather

Forecast: Cloudy tonight, rain Saturday. Not much change in temperature.

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AIRMAIL RETURN PROMISED SOON



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WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Professional silver agitators have been sucking their thumbs and looking wise during the past few days.

The professionals do their screaming when they think they are losing their battle. They wail and keel over when they think they are winning.

As a matter of fact, word has been passed confidentially to them by a person very close to the White House that the administration is going to take the limit off its silver purchases.

Chances. That hint is partially confirmed by the fact that Prof. Warren has been investigating the silver problem.

There is just one chance that the administration may ditch the idea. In case Secretary Morgenthau's inquiry into the identity of holders of silver stocks discloses that the silver supply is concentrated in the hands of a few wealthy persons, then the President will be disinclined to use the silver method.

The gag rule by house Democrats on the tax bill may not sound like a good argument for the Democratic form of government, but it was a practical necessity.

The bald truth is that the house does not know enough about the subject to pass on such a bill.

The chairman of the committee which drew the bill was Doughton of North Carolina. He frankly told the rules committee he did not understand the technical administrative sections.

There are some members of the house who are experts on the subject. Included in that group would be such men as Fred Vinson of Kentucky and Sam Hill of Washington.

The sensible thing seemed to be for the leaders to take their word for the statement that the measure is a good bill, and let it go.

Members of the house realized that and supported the leaders to protect the measure from amendment. No revolt was threatening. No specific adverse action was feared. The boys just decided to play safe.

It appears that anything Mr. Roosevelt wants to do is all right with congress.

That reaction was evident again when the President cancelled the airmail contracts. No one except the conservative Republicans on the Hill seemed to have any objections.

The idea is fairly generally accepted that the airmail subsidy system as a whole cannot be very easily defended.

At least that idea has suddenly become popular in congress since Mr. Roosevelt acted.

So many hearings are going on in congress now that the house committee ran out of stenographers a few days ago.

Such an aviation big shot as Vincent Bendix was kept waiting on the stand for 20 minutes in the house naval affairs committee while members ran around trying to find a stenographer to take down his testimony.

Finally the weights and coins committee thoughtfully adjourned and let the naval affairs committee have its stenographer.

Comptroller O'Connor cited in his annual report the accomplishments of his office the fact that he had made seven administration speeches during the past year.

Senator Jim Hynes was the best new source for newsmen in congress that session, but has shut down completely this session. The reason is that he knows everything that is going on and is afraid he will let it out if he talks.

There is no disposition in congress to raise the president's plan for early adjournment by April 1 if possible. The whole house and one-third of the senate are up for re-election in spite of all I could do.

PROTESTS BRING PROMPT ACTION BY SEN. McNARY

Restoration at Early Date Is Pledged by Superintendent of Service — Exact Date Not Yet Announced

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Federal Judge John C. Knox refused to issue a writ to restrain Postmaster General Farley by injunction from cancelling the government's airmail contracts.

PORTLAND, Feb. 15.—(AP)—A special dispatch to the Journal from Washington, D. C., today said that "following receipt of numerous protests against elimination of airmail as Medford, Senator McNary was assured Friday by Superintendent Cyster of airmail service that suspension of service will be only temporary."

The dispatch added that the exact date for resumption has not been determined.

The Medford airmail situation presents a more hopeful outlook today, it was announced by Chamber of Commerce officials.

In response to the chamber's appeal, a large number of individuals and firms wired the Oregon congressional delegation, many of whom have received a reply from Senator Charles McNary, as follows:

"Immediately upon receipt of your letter with Mr. Cyster, general superintendent of airmail service, who advised that service through Medford will be restored at an early date, though exact day has not yet been determined upon and Mr. Cyster assured me that you need not be concerned over possibility of discontinuance of service. Kindest regards."

The Chamber of Commerce, however, is going to watch the situation over, and will not let the airmail be restored to the city, according to officials of the organization.

BY THOMAS J. HAMILTON WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—(AP) The government will sharply tighten its airmail belt when the army takes over the job, and the public may feel the pinch. The miles-per-hour rate will be reduced more than half.

Postoffice officials, busy with arrangements for the Monday midnight transfer, expressed a belief, however, that there won't be a serious reduction in service.

The "primary" routes are complete, they said, three additional "secondary" routes have been mapped, and the army plans to restore more shortly.

To Fly 42,570 Miles At present, however, commercial companies are flying about 95,000 miles daily. Routes so far announced for the army total only 42,570.

Members of the various federal agencies: How does this affect the business man or banker, anxious to get papers from New York to San Francisco with only a day's delay?

Well, he still can mail the letter in New York in the morning and have it delivered in San Francisco the next morning. Only it will not reach San Francisco until 10:45 a. m., instead of getting there for the first truck delivery.

This line, backbone of the airmail service, is least affected. From New York to Chicago there will be five planes instead of six. Chicago to Kansas City remains at three, and westward there will be two instead of three.

Landing Fields Listed A varying system has been mapped for landing fields and lighted airways. And army fliers in many instances will use fields owned by the companies they replace.

Some company officials have offered their facilities free. Others will be paid. When this is not possible army fields or emergency landing fields will be employed.

The general daily mileage will be reduced both by curtailing frequency of trips and by abandoning for the present many routes. About 125 army planes will be used as compared to a larger commercial fleet.

PLANE DODGES FLAMING METEOR BY SCANT FEET

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 15.—(AP)—The strange experience of being "bombed" from space by a meteor was described by Pilot Hiram Sheridan on his arrival here with the east-bound night American Airways mail plane from Fort Worth, Texas.

Sheridan said just before he reached Texas he saw a bright light streak across the earth's atmosphere and described a huge arc, coming directly at the plane.

"I watched it for a minute or two," the pilot said, "and realized that it was coming straight at me. I changed my course and put on speed, but it looked like it would strike the plane in spite of all I could do."

Officer Sheridan Mum on Marriage During Visit Here

According to a news item in the Grants Pass Daily Courier, State Police Officer Sheridan of Roseburg, formerly stationed here and in Grants Pass, "rolled into Grants Pass Thursday afternoon to call on friends at the court house and to introduce his bride, Mrs. Sheridan is a former Sutherland girl. With her husband, she was on her way to Medford."

\$1356 TAKEN IN ON OPENING DAY BY RUM STORES

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15.—(AP)—The sum of \$1,356.65 had been rung up on the cash registers of Portland's four state liquor stores when they closed their doors at 8 o'clock last night after the first day of operation. Of this total \$819 was realized from purchasers' permits at \$1 each.

A survey of the city showed, however, that many druggists and several private liquor stores were selling bottled goods as usual. They said they had not been advised to discontinue operations and were awaiting a definite order from the state liquor control commission.

As the order is promulgated, the only stores (other than state-owned establishments) that will be permitted to sell hard liquor will be druggists, and they on prescriptions only.

George L. Sammis, state administrator, said he was pleased with the first-day operation of the Portland stores. He said he had not been advised to discontinue operations and were awaiting a definite order from the state liquor control commission.

Sam Helford, drug store employee, was the first person to be arrested by police here for violating the state control law.

A policeman said Helford sold him a pint of blended liquor for \$1.75, and then asked the officer if he had a prescription. When the policeman said he did not, Helford allegedly took a handful of prescription blanks from his pocket and put a check mark on one of them.

Helford was taken direct to the district attorney's office and charged with unlawfully selling liquor containing more than 14 per cent of alcohol by volume.

ELECTION BOARD OUTSIDE MEDFORD, ASHLAND CHOSEN

Election officials for all Jackson county precincts, outside of Medford and Ashland, as selected by the county court, are as follows: Antioch, H. B. Ellis, Beagle; R. H. Seegmiller, Central Point, Rt. 2; Ivan Hocker-Smith, Beagle; Wm. Pomeroy, Beagle; Chas. Sanderson, Gold Hill.

Applegate, Walter Miller, Harry B. Brown, John O'Brien, Thomas Mee, Grace T. Deemer.

Barron, A. B. Kincaid, Elmer Hopkins, A. W. Thomas, F. C. Crosslin, Emma Iverson.

Hellivick, Fred C. Homes, Jesse L. Neil, Gora P. True, Herman Helm, Alice Gowland.

Brownshorn, Nell E. Von der Hellen, Eagle Point; Geo. B. Brown, Brownboro; Fred Luy, Jr., Eagle Point; Susie E. Hansen, Brownboro; Vida Steile, Brownboro.

Butte Falls, C. A. Edmondson, Jasper Tungate, E. A. Hildreth, L. G. Palmer, Grace Blasing.

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HARRY PELLETT TAKEN BY DEATH

Harry Pellett, a resident of Jackson county for 33 years, his late residence being south of Medford, passed away Thursday, February 15, at the age of 61 years, 17 days.

He was born near Ft. Scott, Kansas, January 22, 1873, and came to the Rogue River valley with his family in 1901, and has resided here almost continuously since that time.

Mr. Pellett has been in failing health for some time and his death was not unexpected. He was a member of the First Christian church and the Knights of Pythias lodge of Medford.

CHANGE OF VENUE HINT IF MANNING COMES TO TRIAL

Medford Would Be Opposed Account Roberts Acting As Defense Attorney Is Belief in Klamath Falls

KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Horace M. Manning, charged with the first degree murder of Ralph Horan, state representative, was reported ill in his cell at the county jail this morning.

The noted criminal attorney was believed suffering from shock and nervous strain.

No time has been set for his preliminary hearing in the justice of peace court.

Defense attorneys said they would continue the case on the theory that Manning shot his former law partner in self-defense. The prosecution hopes to prove Manning fired both the shots coming from his own gun and from the one found in Horan's hand.

O. E. Heinrich, California criminologist, continued his investigations for the state today.

Already rumors of a change of venue have been heard, should Manning be indicted by the grand jury. If a change is granted, it is believed the prosecution will oppose a shift to Medford, inasmuch as one of the defense attorneys, George Roberts, is from that city.

Roseburg and Lakeview have been suggested as possible locations for the trial.

It is believed, too, that Judge William M. Duncan of Klamath Falls will disqualify himself should the case reach trial. Both Horan and Manning practiced before him and he knew them personally for many years.

SENATOR DUNN TO SEEK RE-ELECTION IS ANNOUNCEMENT

George Dunn of Ashland, farmer-banker and pioneer citizen, today announced that he would file for re-election at the Republican primary, May 17 next.

Senator Dunn has held the post for eight years, and is recognized throughout the state as one of the legislative leaders, and a constructive and conservative member of that body.

Although he had intended to retire from political office, friends in Jackson county, particularly in the south end, prevailed upon him the past week to seek re-election.

He has long been a figure in the business and agricultural life of this county. A number of years ago he was county judge.

Victor Bursell of the Central Point district, farmer, and for 12 years county commissioner, has filed for the same post, on the Republican ticket.

Bursell states he will "abide by the will of the people" regarding the school relief sales tax.

William N. (Farmer Bill) Carl of the Applegate may enter the legislative race, but is still undecided whether it will be for the lower or the upper house.

The Democrats, feeling this is their year, are scouting for a senatorial candidate. Several "Young Democrats" are willing to make the sacrifice, but the party leaders want a man with years, and who has not been worked over by the voters, when Democrats were scarce.

For the lower house of the legislature, it is expected that E. Brockway of Jacksonville, granted, appointed by Governor Meier, will seek election, but his mate, Glenn O. Taylor, has stated mildly that going to Salem again holds no great charm. If he runs, it will be as a matter of duty, rather than his own inclinations.

Both Taylor and Brockway supported the school relief sales tax, and Brockway is an earnest worker for it.

The Jackson county Democracy also figures to have representative candidates, and J. E. (Moose) Barkdull, party warhorse and worker all his political life, is among those mentioned. Barkdull has filed for precinct committeeman from the North Riverside precinct.

H. D. (Johnny) Reed of Gold Hill today formally filed his declaration of intentions of seeking the Democratic nomination for county judge.

TAX BILL PASSAGE ASSURED TUESDAY IN LOWER HOUSE

Last Doubt Smothered by Republicans Acceptance As Non-Partisan — Interior Bill to Conference

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—(AP)—The house of representatives will pass the \$258,000,000 tax bill Tuesday.

This was decided today before that branch joined the senate in recess over the week-end.

With acceptance of the ways and means committee measure already a foregone conclusion, any last possible doubt was smothered by formal Republican description of it as "non-partisan."

Committee preparation for the stock exchange control bill progressed, meanwhile, with Thomas Corcoran of the RFC legal staff—one of its drafters—saying it is primarily aimed to prevent speculation on the part of the "little fellow who doesn't know what it is all about and frequently gets royally burned."

Interior Bill to Conference. The \$32,382,429 interior department supply bill went to conference between house and senate for adjustment of differences.

To the house labor committee, Secretary Perkins endorsed a proposal for a resolution by congress expressing the sentiment that NRA code should move to shorter work week than the present 40-hour average.

The administration concentrated today on paring workers off the federal payroll with one hand and trying with the other to make private industry need them.

Orders went out for the CWA to drop 400,000 February 23 in addition to the 200,000 already sliced from the rolls. Credit expansion plans are relied on to provide more industrial jobs.

Bank Credit Wanted. A four-pronged approach, sanctioned by President Roosevelt, may result in establishment of a special bank chain to undertake capital financing for little industries that get no "no" from present banks.

The treasury, NRA, RFC and the federal reserve board after the four at work. In that connection, too, the reserve board's well-known economist, E. A. Goldenweiser, suggested to a house committee a tempering of marginal requirements that the Fletcher-Rayburn stock market control bill seeks to set up.

Ex-Army Grid Star Freed



Lt. J. H. Murrel (right), freed from Texas, after trial on a charge of assaulting Blanche Halls (left), attractive Birmingham, Ala., divorcee. Murrel is a former West Point football star. (Associated Press Photo.)



Wednesday by a jury in San Antonio, Texas, after trial on a charge of assaulting Blanche Halls (left). Murrel is a former West Point football star. (Associated Press Photo.)

GENERAL REVIVAL OF BUSINESS SEEN IN ALL SECTIONS

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—(AP)—The rising trend in trade and business volume continues without abatement, and "sporadic instances of improvement now are giving way to proof of a more definite general revival," said the weekly Dun & Bradstreet trade review today.

Some of the gains as compared with a year ago "reach nearly staggering percentages," the review asserted, pointing out that this time a year ago "the nadir of the past century had been touched by nearly all branches of commercial and industrial activity."

"The high level to which both mercantile and manufacturing business has been lifted," continued the review, "was revealed by reports from all sections of the country this week, which brought a unanimity of expression indicating continued improvement."

"With some moderation of the sub-zero temperatures of a week earlier, which slowed down transactions in the agricultural district, retail sales pushed ahead boldly, as the larger industrial payrolls offset the layoffs of the CWA."

"In consumptive goods, such as foods, wearing apparel, shoes and millinery, demand is widening rapidly, with prospects now more assured that in both textiles and shoes the spring business will exceed that of the past four or five years."

"The more moderate temperatures and the favorable weather prevailing on Lincoln's birthday brought out the largest crowds that retail stores have held since Christmas. Sales on both last Saturday and Monday nearly equalled the total of the best days during the December shopping period."

VOORHIES HEADS FARM AID SET-UP

The Medford Production Credit association, embracing Coos, Curry, Josephine, Douglas and Jackson counties, was formed yesterday, after an all-day session in the courthouse auditorium. Gov. Gordon Voorhies was elected president and Luther Deuel, secretary.

A further meeting will be held at an early date to complete details. The entire day was devoted to a discussion of the fine points of the organization, which will take the place of the Regional Credit bank. The organization is under federal supervision and regulation. Its purpose is to extend credit to all branches of agriculture.

SON'S BODY THROWN INTO RIVER FATHER CONFESSES

ROCKFORD, Ill., Feb. 15.—(AP)—Charles Backus, a middle-aged, vegetable peddler, stood near the ice-covered river here, pointed to a hole in the ice and told police: "I put it there. I was scared."

The "it" was the body of his eight-year-old son, Charles, Jr., who had been missing eight days. The father had persisted in denying knowledge of his son's whereabouts. Last night, after long questioning, he said to Joseph Bank of the state highway patrol: "All right, I'll show you where it is."

Then followed the trip to the river where the peddler pointed out the air hole into which, he told police, he had stuffed the boy's body.

Backus told police he had reprimanded his son when the boy came home from school a week ago Wednesday. The boy appeared ill, the peddler said.

Police quoted Backus as saying: "I struck him and he became unconscious. We (presumably meaning members of the family) carried him onto a bed and rubbed him, and I thought he died of poison candy. I took his body and loaded it on a truck and sent to the foot of Clifford street and found an ice air hole. I stuffed the body into that."

AUSTRIAN REDS OPEN GUERRILLA WAR ON GUARDS

Wholesale fighting was at an end in strife-torn Austria today but the tenacious socialists began a campaign of guerrilla warfare against the fascist home guard, backbone of government support.

Reports were circulated that Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss "gamecock" of European politics, had been the subject of an assassination attempt, along with Vice-Chancellor Emil Pey and Prince Ernst von Stahrenberg, home guard leaders. The rumors were unverified.

Socialist leaders called for acts of sabotage. Other European nations, meanwhile, closely scanned the Austrian situation, which they considered fraught with danger to European tranquility, especially should the Nazis gain control.

To avoid this, France and Czechoslovakia decided to give the Dollfuss government non-military aid.

Reports were current in Rome that Italy might demand an investigation by the League of Nations of published charges that Czechoslovakia supported the socialist uprising by shipping arms and ammunition into Austria.

Press attacks on Czechoslovakia, the foreign office admitted, represented the Italian government's view.

GRACIE BLACKBURN CALLED BY DEATH

Gracie M. Blackburn passed away quietly at the home of her niece, Mrs. Gilbert Eitner, 18 Modoc avenue, Thursday afternoon, after an illness covering the past two months. Mrs. Blackburn was born in Charleston, S. C., and was the wife of Frank E. Blackburn, now deceased.

She had been a resident of Medford for the past 23 years, during which she had acquired many friends and acquaintances who will mourn her passing. She had been a member of St. Mark's Episcopal church for many years.

Surviving her are one son, Charles T. Blackburn, of San Jose, Cal. (who is here for the funeral); one sister, Mrs. John S. Norwood, of this city; two grandsons, John Norwood and Charles Albert Blackburn.

Funeral services under direction of the Peri Funeral Home will be conducted from St. Mark's Episcopal church, Saturday, February 17, at 2 p. m., with the Rev. William B. Hamilton officiating. Interment will take place in the family plot in the Jacksonville cemetery.

WILL ROGERS SAYS: SANTA MONICA, Calif., Feb. 15.—Austria? Say, isn't that down there about in shooting distance of where the other war broke out?

England has told Germany to "lay off." Now what if Germany don't "choose" to lay off.

The boys are looking around now, kinder choosing up sides again. Russia would like to knock down that way, but she can't take her eyes off Japan long enough. Mussolini is waiting for the best offer. France has got every propeller a spinning.

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Yours, Will Rogers

400,000 WORKERS RURAL AREAS OUT OF CWA FEB. 23RD

Present Hours of Labor Continue—Demobilization at Rate 10 Per Cent Week Is Ordered for March

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—(AP)—President Roosevelt is holding to the plan for elimination of the civil works program in May, but he is not binding himself on what may be necessary to be done next winter to prevent suffering.

The Jackson county CWA committee was today still awaiting instructions from Washington regarding the continuance of work, which ceased here, as well as other places, Wednesday night.

Only the administrative staff was on the job today. Instructions, which may mark a change in the general picture, are expected before Monday, February 19.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—(AP)—The Civil Works administration will drop 400,000 workers in rural areas throughout the country on Friday, February 23.

Announcing new regulations for the next 10 weeks, Harry L. Hopkins, administrator, said that for the present hours of labor would remain at 24 a week in cities and 18 in rural areas.

The demobilization, which started last night with the dropping of between 150,000 and 200,000 workers on federal projects, will be carried on at the rate of approximately 10 per cent a week through March. After that it is scheduled to be accelerated until the entire force of 4,500,000 men and women will have been demobilized by May 1.

States on Equality. The demobilization order affects every state equally, insofar as it has gone out, Hopkins said.

The new regulations as Hopkins outlined them: 1—All persons living in households where another member is working, whether on public or private employment, will be dropped first.

2—All persons who have other resources.

Civil works will be maintained at present strength in all industrial cities.

The wage scale under the new arrangement will be the prevailing scale for the type of labor done in the local community with a minimum of 30 cents per hour for common labor.

One of the projects on which the administration will concentrate during the remaining 10 weeks is construction of fireproof consolidated rural schools in states which have a consolidated school system. Hopkins said that other similar major projects which can be completed by May 1 are under consideration.

Relief for All Needed. When the civil works ends, Hopkins said, all needy persons will be given emergency relief.

State administrations will be expected to examine local charges of unemployment through social workers as investigators.

The rural areas were selected for the first demobilization because many thousands of tenant farmers and even persons who own their own farm have been working on civil works. Hopkins feels that these men, having made seven or eight weeks' wages or even more, should be able to go back to their farms and raise a crop without suffering.

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