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Forecast: Fair tonight and Saturday; temperature above normal.  
Temperature:  
Highest yesterday 82  
Lowest this morning 42

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## FIRE DESTROYS OREGON CAPITOL



By PAUL MALLON  
WASHINGTON, April 26.—There are indications that the good old natural laws of business competition (including occasional fluctuations) have a way of surviving such man-made prohibitions as the NRA provides.



A recent unpublished experience in coal proved that coal code authorities of the east (Pennsylvania) authorized a price cut. Armed with lower prices, the eastern Pennsylvania men proceeded then to bid on a luscious \$60,000 contract for a public utility, operating here in Washington.

The southern coal men found out about it at the last minute, just as they were about to lose the contract. They hastened to the NRA, demanding approval of an emergency price cut in the southern field to meet Pennsylvania competition. The NRA balked at that because the rules require ten days' notice for such action.

The southern people could not wait ten days and were in no mood to think about rules. They did what most business men would have done. They reduced their price in violation of the rule, for one day only, in order to retain the contract.

Next day, they restored the original price level.

Since then, a remarkable discovery was made in a private meeting of coal code authorities here. A Pennsylvania operator arose and pointed out that the NRA could not do anything to enforce the coal code price restraints. He mentioned the fact that the act expires June 15 and the NRA could not possibly get a prosecution in the courts before then. Another operator jumped up and exclaimed: "Then the coal price structure is dead."

There was an immediate stampede for the doors to get to the nearest telephone booth.

The NRA will not admit it officially, but some of their legal authorities concede that the restrictions against price cutting may be ineffective from now on.

The good old days are back.

Silver shapers have noticed lately that the price is moving at the point where it will be profitable to melt Mexican coins and sell the base metal. You may expect to hear shortly that the Mexican government has taken steps to prevent such action, either by an embargo or otherwise.

Incidentally, the price is nearing the level where India's rupees will offer a profitable enterprise for melters.

This is further evidence that we have done more things affecting all the currencies of the world than Germany has done affecting world peace. The gold bloc countries are being pushed off their perch. China has had to enact a silver tax to protect herself.

However, it is not our fault primarily. England started it by depreciating sterling. Our steps were required for self-protection.

It may all be straightened out some time in the next year or so when the gold countries finally fall and open the way for an international stabilization conference.

A report has been going around that Mr. Hoover will shortly issue a series of magazine articles on the banking crisis. The idea was he would show that the new dealers did exactly what he had planned to do in closing the banks.

The only thing wrong with the report is it is not true. Mr. Hoover is preparing no such articles.

The "underwear census" idea may be dropped on a national scale, because of a national scale, because of a national scale.

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### Plan Special Session Soon for Discussion Rebuilding Structure

SALEM, April 26.—(AP)—The state board of control went into a star chamber session at 1:45 p. m. today, and shortly after called for Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle to attend the meeting. C. C. Hockley, Oregon PWA representative, was waiting to join the group.

SALEM, April 26.—(AP)—Immediately upon his return here from Medford at noon today, after cancelling his southwestern Oregon trip following the burning of the state capitol building last night, Governor Charles H. Martin called a special meeting of the board of control at 2 o'clock in the law library of the supreme court building.

Meanwhile the governor received the following telegram from President Franklin D. Roosevelt:

"Have just learned that Oregon's historical capitol building has been destroyed by fire, resulting in the complete loss of the building and many valuable relics and records. I have requested the public works administrator to investigate and see what assistance the federal government can render.

"Secretary of the Interior Ickes has therefore telegraphed public works representative in Oregon to cooperate with you in the preparation of application papers and to render every possible assistance."

C. C. Hockley, public works representative in Oregon, was in Salem today awaiting the arrival of the governor, in compliance with the secretary's message.

SALEM, April 26.—(AP)—Official offices of the three chief administrators of Oregon's government were scattered over the city of Salem today following the disastrous fire which last night wiped out the 60-year-old capitol building at an estimated cost to the state of \$1,500,000, said counting the historical paintings and records of the Oregon territory.

Governor Charles H. Martin today was spending to the capitol city from Medford where he was speaker at a banquet during the conflagration, prepared to call a special session of the legislature to cope with the situation at once. In the meantime his offices were located in the Salem armory.

Open Temporary Offices.

Karl Snell, secretary of state, and his staff worked all last night setting up temporary offices in the armory preparatory today to moving into the state office building for the time being.

The state treasurer established temporary offices in the Ledg & Bush bank of Salem in which vault he had deposited approximately \$1,000,000 securities and bonds during the past year. There was only about \$100,000 of treasury funds in the state capitol vault at the time of the fire.

The staff of the purchasing agent and secretary of the board of control met on the capitol lawn in the midst of the smoldering embers of the capitol fire to set up a working system in the state office building for the next two years, the time expected before a new building could be constructed to house the burned-out departments of government.

Few Records Saved.

Outside the offices of the state treasurer and secretary there was little saved of the records and equipment. This included the abundance of data on file in the tax department and the office of Governor Martin where only personal effects could be removed. These officials were looking around for temporary quarters and it was expected the various departments of the state would be far removed from each other for a time at least.

A meeting of the state board of control, which includes the governor, was held today.

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### LIQUOR STORE IN NEW STAND TODAY

The Oregon Liquor Control commission store here opened for business in their attractive new quarters at the corner of Central and Eighth streets this morning, after moving the stock from the old place of business last night. The new store is neatly and conveniently arranged, with a display case in the front, a counter running the width of the building to separate the dispensing and stock rooms, and the bottle cases so placed as to afford maximum efficiency with a minimum of effort.

Otto J. Runte, state superintendent, departed this morning, after superintending the establishment of the new store. With windows frosted in white, and trimmed and lettered in black, and the interior painted a light green, the store is said to be the most attractive in the state.

### INHERITANCE TAX TO PAY BONUS IS URGED

WASHINGTON, April 26.—(AP)—Chairman Harrison of the senate finance committee today made public a letter from Secretary Morgenthau proposing an inheritance tax system which could be used to raise the bonus based on progressive rates running up to 60 per cent.

### SOLINSKY RESTS DEFENSE CASE ON OWN TESTIMONY

Ousted Crater Park Superintendent Is Only One to Take Stand — Blames Edwin for All Irregularities

PORTLAND, April 26.—(AP)—E. C. Solinsky, discharged superintendent of Crater Lake National park, today asked his liberty on his own testimony in his trial on charges of defrauding the government by padding park payrolls. His defense rested this afternoon.

Solinsky was the only witness to testify concerning the allegedly fraudulent transactions at the park. He sought to place all blame for any looting of government funds on A. R. Edwin, his former chief clerk and co-defendant, who pleaded guilty and turned government's witness.

After the defendant had testified, the defense called Gus Newbury, Medford attorney; O. O. Alexander, and C. E. Gates, two former Medford Mayors, as character witnesses. It then rested its case. The three men swore that Solinsky's reputation for veracity was excellent and that the community still considers him an upstanding citizen.

### BOY DETECTIVE LANDS IN JAIL FOR ROBBING OF CHURCH CASH BOXES

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 26.—(UP)—Edward Huff, 18, who "just naturally turned to the church" when he got into financial trouble, was in jail today, charged with robbing eight churches.

The youth, who said he came from Orleans, Neb., confessed all eight burglaries. He said he was working as a "undercover agent" for the police commissioner of Omaha, Neb.

"I know a lot about crime and I know it doesn't pay. But I needed money to go home—and I just naturally turned to the church. Churches are supposed to help the needy."

He said he left Omaha, after helping solve "lots of gang murders," because gangsters kidnaped him, took him to the state line and told him to "Am-scray."

### Autoist Injured When Antelope Jumps Into Car

ALTURAS, Calif., April 26.—(UP)—Gerald Brooks was recovering at Alturas hospital today from a broken nose and severe cuts sustained when an antelope jumped into his automobile.

Gerald and Cleveland Brooks were driving east of Alturas at night. Their headlights outlined a herd of antelope. Gerald Brooks checked speed of the car and opened a door. An antelope plunged through the open door into the car's interior.

### WINKLE WILL HEAD LOCAL ELKS' LODGE FOR COMING YEAR

As no competitive candidates were named, E. W. Winkle will officially become exalted ruler of Medford lodge, B. P. O. E., upon installation of officers June 6. It was determined last night at the regular lodge session when nominations of officers were made. The official election is to be May 2.

Only in the cases of esteemed leading knight and esteemed lecturing knight, will there be contests in the election, as more than one candidate was named for each of these offices.

Other officers automatically elected are W. A. (Doc) Grim, loyal knight; Ernest Scott, secretary; George T. Frey, treasurer; N. S. (Nick) Young, tiller; H. N. Butler, trustee.

A program of special music presented by the boys' chorus of the senior high school was well received. The chorus offered three numbers and Harvey Field sang two solos.

It was announced at the lodge meeting that an Elks' dance will be held May 4. Stan Sherwood is chairman of the committee for this event.

Another announcement of interest was that dates have been set for the Elks-CCC smokers. The first will be held May 9, the second on May 23, the third on June 4, and the final at the Elks picnic grounds on June 14.

### FREIGHT LOADING SHOWS INCREASE DURING WEEK

WASHINGTON, April 26.—(AP)—The Association of American Railroads announced today loadings of revenue freight for the week ended April 20 were 610,000 cars, an increase of 23,220 above the preceding week, 19,200 above the corresponding week in 1934 and 114,393 above 1933.

A total of 95,958 children under six years of age are included in the 103,924 families on relief rolls in Kentucky.

### F. R. ROUNDS OUT STAFF TO SPEND BIG RELIEF FUND

Selection of Hopkins As Administrator of Works Progress Division Completes Set-Up for Huge Task

WASHINGTON, April 26.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today completed his work-relief organization with appointment of Harry L. Hopkins as administrator of the works progress division.

He charged the progress division with the task of making certain that persons employed on the projects come from the relief rolls.

The United States employment service was given general charge of re-employment of persons on work relief who desire to return to private employment.

With the completion of his administrative machinery, the president called in the principal aides in the works set-up for a general discussion tonight.

LaGuardia Heads Mayors.

The president also added to the allotment board, headed by Secretary Ickes, a representative of the mayors' conference. It was understood the mayors have selected Mayor LaGuardia of New York for this post.

Rear Admiral C. J. Peoples, navy procurement officer of the government, was placed in charge of procurement of materials for the works projects. This will come under the progress division.

Hopkins will continue his present (Continued on Page Ten)

### 11 MEN BURNED IN SEWER EXPLOSION

ST. LOUIS, April 26.—(AP)—Eleven men were seriously burned, some perhaps fatally, this afternoon when burning oil and gas swept through the sewer in which they were working near the Grand Boulevard viaduct in a St. Louis industrial section.

One workman was unaccounted for, but rescuers said all the men had been removed from the tunnel. There were 13 members of the crew. Two muffled blasts, which followed the first flash of flame, apparently caused when a workman threw a match on the oil-laden water, shattered windows for a radius of several blocks and blew manhole covers from the sewer along a two-mile stretch.

### BASEBALL

| American   | R. | H. | E. |
|--|----|----|----|
| Washington   | 10 | 12 | 3  |
| Boston   | 5  | 8  | 5  |
| Batteries: Whitehall and Bolton; Grove, Hockette and R. Ferrell, Berg.             |    |    |    |
| Detroit  | 3  | 10 | 1  |
| Cleveland  | 3  | 13 | 0  |
| Batteries: Auker, Crowder, Hogsett and Hayworth; Hudlin and Myatt.                 |    |    |    |
| New York   | 11 | 9  | 0  |
| Philadelphia   | 2  | 8  | 1  |
| Batteries: Tamulis and Dicker; Casarella, Leiber, Mahaffey, Caster and Fox, Berry. |    |    |    |

### National

| R.  | H. | E. |   |
|---|----|----|---|
| Boston  | 4  | 8  | 4 |
| Brooklyn  | 5  | 9  | 2 |
| Batteries: Frankhouse, Benton and Spolter; Zachary, Leonard and Phelps. |    |    |   |
| Chicago   | 3  | 8  | 1 |
| Cincinnati  | 2  | 8  | 2 |
| Batteries: Carleton and Hartnett; Johnson, Brennhn and Campbell.        |    |    |   |

### WILCOX QUITTING PATHOLOGIST POST FIRST OF MONTH

Announcement was made today by the Southern Oregon Sales, Inc., that Lyle P. Wilcox, for the past nine years county pathologist, would be connected with that organization in a similar capacity after May 1 next.



Pathologist Wilcox said this afternoon that his resignation from the county post had been forwarded to the extension service of Oregon State college.

County Judge Earl B. Day said he had received no formal notice of the resignation and the appointment of (Continued on Page Thirteen)

### N. Y. STATE'S NRA LAW HELD INVALID BY APPEAL COURT

ALBANY, N. Y., April 26.—(AP)—New York state's NRA enforcement law, known as the Schackno act, was held unconstitutional by the court of appeals today, but within two hours Governor Lehman signed amendments designed to meet the court's objections to the law.

The effect of the amendments is to return to the state the power assigned to the federal government by the legislature of 1933 to decide what codes shall become law.

The court of appeals, the state's high court, ruled that the 1933 legislature improperly delegated to Washington powers that the state constitution intends shall be wielded by no one other than New York's legislative body.

The court of appeals by a vote of four to three ruled that the legislature had no right to "leave to a national administrator to declare what shall or shall not be a crime in New York state."

"This law is a mere shell, leaving to national bodies or officials the power to make the laws of New York State," the court's majority opinion said.

### Heiress Homesick Awaiting Divorce; Sends For Father

RENO, Nev., April 26.—(UP)—Princess Barbara Hutton Mdivani needs the comforting presence of her father, Franklin Hutton, New York broker, during her residence here while awaiting to divorce Prince Alexis Mdivani, it was learned today.

Consequently the somewhat homesick heiress to the Woodworth five and ten millions sent her step-mother east for her father.

Mrs. Hutton who slipped out of Reno quietly late last Tuesday arrived in New York. There she will meet Hutton and both will return here to be with Barbara until she obtains her divorce probably May 18.

When Hutton would arrive here was not learned.

### GOVERNOR URGES DEVELOPMENT OF ROGUE TERRITORY

Address at Annual C. of C. Banquet Describes Area As Treasure to Oregon—Capitol Fire Cuts Visit

By BILL CUMMINGS  
Governor Charles H. Martin, on the first stop in a proposed trip to Curry county for the purpose of conferring with a new planning committee at Gold Beach, addressed approximately 300 at the annual banquet of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce last night at Hotel Medford with a plea for development of the Rogue river territory.

Describing the course of that river through southwestern Oregon to the sea as one of the last stands of the frontier, known throughout the world, and a treasure to Oregon, the governor said, "Jackson, Josephine and Douglas counties must join Curry county in development of the Rogue river—but not for commercial fishing."

Gets News of Fire  
At the close of his short, sincere speech, which was given informally and went to the hearts of his audience, Governor Martin received and read aloud the distressing wire that the statehouse at Salem was burning.

News of the fire tragedy caused the governor to cut short his trip, and accompanied by the party of six state aides, he left by auto about 5 a. m. today for the capitol. He decided against flying back to Salem last night after the banquet, when a local plane was offered for the trip, and determined to rest here overnight before leaving. The executive and the other state officials were at the Medford hotel.

Cancel Banquet Today  
Colonel E. E. Kelly, who was to have been in charge of a banquet this noon at The Colonial, given in honor of Representative A. Moore Hamilton, by prominent democrats of Jackson county, cancelled the meet- (Continued on Page Four.)

### ANTI-LYNCHING BILL SIDETRACK IS FOILED

WASHINGTON, April 26.—(AP)—Senate Democratic leaders today lost their first effort to sidetrack the anti-lynching bill when a motion to adjourn until Monday was rejected, 38 to 34.

The motion to adjourn, which automatically would have taken precedence over the motion of Senator Costigan (D., Colo.) to begin consideration of his bill to make lynching a federal crime, was made by Democratic Leader Robinson of Arkansas. A recess then was taken until tomorrow when the Costigan motion still pending, and a group of southern senators still determined to carry on a filibuster against it.

Pack Hats Stole Ignition Key.  
HOOD RIVER, Ore.—(UP)—Norman Shrum parked his car and placed his ignition key in a hiding spot to foil thieves, while he went skiing on Mount Hood. When he returned 12 hours later, he found pack rats had carried it off.

### WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Apr. 25.—Up to a day or so ago this country really had some problems. "Where is all this money coming from?" was on the lips of every man who had any. "Should business be allowed to recover first and then reform or visa versa?" "Who will the Republicans nominate?" "Is Kent right or is Lippman right?"

"But all those momentous things are washed up now. They are as dead as a balanced budget. For the problem that hits every man, woman and child in the face today is 'was Mae married?' It's splitting this country like a supreme court decision. Personally I don't believe she was, for I can't see why the fellow would have ever left her.

Will Rogers.  
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### As Flames Swept 60-Year Old Capitol Structure



Loss estimated by state officials at around \$1,500,000 was suffered by Oregon Thursday, April 25, when fire destroyed the state capitol at Salem. This photograph shows the flames sweeping around the venerable dome of the 60-year-old structure. A few moments later the huge dome crashed down into the great rotunda. One fireman lost his life. (Associated Press Photo).