

The Weather

Forecast: Fair and mild to night and Saturday. Temperature: Highest yesterday 71. Lowest this morning 46. Precipitation past 24 hrs. 1.

MEDFORD TRIBUNE

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Friday Again

Yes, it is Friday again. Time to write that Classified Ad. for the Sunday morning edition. Ads. in before 3:30 p.m. Saturday will be in paper 17 classified. Ads. accepted until 8 o'clock Saturday evening.

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F. R. ASKS TRUST LAW REVISION STUDY

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DRIVE FOR BUSINESS AMITY WITH WHITE HOUSE. INDUSTRIALISTS' STATEMENT LAUNCHED CAMPAIGN. SOME EXECUTIVES REFUSED TO JOIN FRIENDLY GESTURE. KISS-AND-MAKE-UP RADIO PROGRAM IS PLANNED.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—The president's interview with Henry Ford, the fundamentally more significant plea for cooperation from 16 business leaders, are only the first incidents of a broad program. The object of the program is to kiss and make up. And the program's success is vitally important, because, if business and the White House don't kiss and make up this time, they probably never will. At the start many difficulties have confronted the moderate New Dealers, like SEC Commissioner John W. Hanes, who are the program's sponsors. The statement of the 16 business leaders, for example, would have been the statement of 25 or 35 business leaders if every man who was asked to sign it had consented. Among others who are understood to have refused to join in the friendly gesture toward the New Deal are the heads of the three largest industrial companies in the United States—Walter S. Gifford of American Telephone and Telegraph, Alfred P. Sloan of General Motors, and Edward R. Stearns, Jr., of U. S. Steel. Too much importance should not be attached to the absence of individual names from the list of 16 co-signers. The important thing is that a fair number of men who were sounded out about the statement did not wish to touch it.

Moreover, the fact that a number of business leaders have now refused a friendly gesture does not, at all mean that they will refuse one in the future. Take the case of Mr. Stearns. Possibly the forceful new chairman of big steel's board would have liked to sign the statement; possibly not. At any rate, his excuse was quite valid. He pointed out that he was a comparatively young man.

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SOCIAL SECURITY STUDY IS URGED

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(AP)—President Roosevelt asked the social security board today to study methods of improving the social security act including liberalization and extension of the old age benefit system. The president told a press conference he had written A. J. Altmeyer of the board asking that the revised program be put in shape for action at the next session of congress.

Asked if any plan was being made to reduce the social security payments into the reserve fund, the president said that was one of the things the board was studying. Chairman Altmeyer said later the board had been working on plans for liberalizing the old age insurance system and would continue to work on them. The board, he added, would have "something to submit to the president" before next January.

SIDE GLANCES

Alvin Lucas looking forward to moving into his new home after the public gets through inspecting it today and tomorrow.

Howard Hamilton not caring to have his monkey appear in this pillar of playfulness, he threatening naughty reprisals if so.

Bruce Bauer plotting exciting entertainment for the Crater eruption.

Ward Spats telling Carl Donough around town in a truck.

Bernice Cameron saying the CoCo's prehistoric animal need didn't interest her because it was too old.

Dr. Fry mothering his new Ford like it was a week-old baby.

SURVEY URGED IN CONCENTRATION OF ECONOMIC POWER

Long-Awaited Message Also Proposes Immediate Enactment of Brake On Bank Holding Companies

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(AP)—President Roosevelt recommended to congress today a \$500,000 appropriation for a "comprehensive study" of the "concentration of economic power in American industry and the effect of that concentration upon the decline of competition."

In his long promised message on anti-trust law revision, the president also proposed for immediate enactment the following legislation: To "effectively control the operation of bank holding companies." To "prevent holding companies from acquiring control of any more banks, directly or indirectly."

He recommended Mr. Roosevelt said, "that this bank legislation make provision for the gradual separation of banks from holding company control or ownership, allowing a reasonable time for its accomplishment—time enough for it to be done in an orderly manner and without causing inconvenience to communities served by holding company banks."

He announced he would ask a deficiency appropriation of \$200,000 for the department of justice to provide for the "proper and fair enforcement of the existing anti-trust laws" and added the study he proposed, to be conducted by the federal trade commission, justice department and the securities commission, should not be confined to the anti-trust field but should cover the "effects of tax, patent and other government policies."

"There should be an examination of the existing price system and the price policies of industry to determine their effect upon the general level of trade, upon unemployment, upon long term profits and upon consumption," Mr. Roosevelt asserted.

Enumerating some of the items for study, he said the anti-trust laws should be made susceptible of practical enforcement by "casting upon those charged with violations the burden of proving facts peculiarly within their knowledge."

"The justice department and trade commission," he added, "should be given more adequate and effective power to investigate whenever there is reason to believe that conditions exist or practices prevail which violate the provisions or defeat the objectives of the anti-trust laws."

As deterrent to personal wrongdoing, he suggested where a corporation is enjoined from violating the law the court be empowered to enjoin it for a specified period from giving any remunerative employment to any person found to bear a responsibility for the wrongful corporate action.

Further items for study listed were mergers and interlocking relationship, financial controls, investment trust, trade associations, patent laws, tax correctives and others.

SEN. REAMES' CHANCES SEEN VERY FAVORABLE

Die in Plane



Dorothy Davis (top) and Mrs. Frank Blain (below) were among the four persons who lost their lives when a privately owned airplane crashed into an 8,100-foot peak during a flight from Death Valley to Visalia, Cal.

WAGE AND HOUR BILL SUNK FOR SESSION BY COMMITTEE'S ACTION

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(AP)—The house rules committee, ignoring President Roosevelt's insistence on enactment of wage-hour legislation at this session, refused today to grant the revised wage-hour bill right of way to the house floor.

This action, which house leaders said virtually meant the death of the measure for this session, came at the close of two days of hearings during which the committee heard the bill defended as necessary to halt a "vicious spiral of deflation" and denounced as "arbitrary and capricious."

The bill would have fixed minimum wages at 23 cents an hour for the first year, scaling up to 40 cents at the end of three years. Hours would start at 44 per week and drop to 40 in two years.

ITALIAN EDITOR ASKS IF U. S. SEEKING WAR

ROME, April 29.—(AP)—The authoritative fascist editor, Virginia Gayda, criticizing the United States for what he termed "hostile manifestations" toward Italy, today demanded whether the American people desire "war" with Italy.

La Follette Launches New Party Pledged to Freedom and Security

MADISON, Wis., April 29.—(AP)—A new party pledged to the goals of ensuring freedom and security for the people stood forth today upon the national political scene.

The National Progressive Party of America, dedicated to those ideals, was offered to the nation last night by Philip F. La Follette, governor of Wisconsin, who widened breach with President Roosevelt, linked political theories of other parties and set a new course in this direction:

In lists to stay "Definitely and irrevocably we are in the lists to stay until the American people recapture their heritage." This heritage he defined as the right of every American "to earn his living by the sweat of his brow."

At his Tuesday press conference the president said the more liberal forces organized to promote progressive policies and action the better it would be for the country.

He had been asked at that time, aside from the La Follette conference, whether he felt liberal groups should organize for effective political action.

At that time the Democratic and Whig parties were dominant. Last night, La Follette rejected not only the leadership of present day Republicans and Democrats, but characterized as useless for recovery of the nation any form of capitalism, socialism, fascism or communism.

The governor began welding the new party into effective organization at Des Moines, Ia., today, where he is scheduled to make a radio broadcast. Tomorrow he will speak to a farm labor group at Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Thousands Hear Plan. His graying thatch of hair disheveled and his face moist with perspiration, he outlined his plan for two hours last night to 5000 in the University of Wisconsin stock pavilion and an overflow crowd of 2000 outside who listened by loudspeaker.

The names of "important leaders" of other states, said to have endorsed the movement, were withheld for the time being by the governor and his associates.

La Follette, declaring American freedom is rooted in American abundance, warned his audience "the rise of dictators, the destruction of democracy and the spectre of another world war have an underlying cause: The failure to produce enough real wealth to support a secure and high standard of living."

Day of Reckoning Faced. "If there is plenty to go around," he said, "there is security, happiness and tolerance through the nation. But when there is not enough, people reluctantly turn to some public authority, which uses its control to divide what there is. But dividing or sharing wealth is not a solution."

He warned that the nation faces a day of reckoning. It may not come this year or the next, he said, but "the cold, inescapable truth stands before us. The American standard of living today is supported by an enormous mass of outworn public and private debt."

PORTLAND, April 29.—(AP)—The fifteen traffic system struck at the police department itself today. Municipal Judge Julius Cohn signed a warrant charging Detective Pat Keegan with failure to appear on a parking offense.

SLIGHT DECLINE IN REGISTRATION JACKSON COUNTY

1730 Fewer Republicans—Democrats Gain 21—80 Less Miscellaneous—G.O.P. Has Lead of 940

SALEM, April 29.—(AP)—Primary registration records fell today as 483-915 persons in 33 counties were eligible to vote in the May 20 primary election, compared with the previous record of 478,186 set two years ago. It was expected that the total registration would be about \$20,000 after the three remaining counties, Baker, Umatilla and Grant, file their reports with the secretary of state.

Republicans were certain today to lead the Democrats after all counties have been reported. Today they had a margin of 16,316, leading the Democrats 251,250 to 234,934.

Jackson county registration for the May 20 primary totals 17,381 voters, with 8,901 Republicans, 8,051 Democrats, and 319 miscellaneous registrants according to figures completed today by the county clerk.

The current registration in the 21 Medford precincts totals 5,858 with 2,991 Republicans, 2,774 Democrats, and 92 miscellaneous. Ashland's ten precincts show a registration total of 2,609 voters, with 1,024 Republicans, 1,012 Democrats, and 64 miscellaneous. The Republican majority in Medford is 217, in the Ashland precinct 512.

Registrations show the Republicans made slight gains in the rural precincts, or reduced the Democratic majorities of the 1936 election. The Democrats have small majorities in the following precincts of the county: East Ashland, Butte Falls, Central Point, North Gold Hill, Howard, Jacksonville, South Orchard, Home, Phoenix, East, Pinehurst, Rogue River, Ross, Ann, Sams Valley, East, West, and Medford, North, North Central, South, Central, North Riverside, North, Southeast, Southwest, and South.

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BASEBALL

National CHICAGO, April 29.—(AP)—Dizzy Dean, the pitcher for whom the Chicago Cubs paid the St. Louis Cardinals \$185,000 and three players, pulled a muscle in his salary arm and had to be taken out of the Cubs-Cincinnati Reds game in the fourth inning today.

Dean said in the dressing room he hurt his arm pitching to Lou Riggs, but expressed the opinion the injury would not prove serious. Cincinnati 4 7 1 Chicago 6 8 2 Derringer and Lombardi, Casacarla; Dean, Russell, Bryant and Hartnett.

New York at Boston, St. Louis at Pittsburgh; postponed, cold.

American R. H. E. Washington 6 11 0 Philadelphia 7 9 5 Weaver, Kohlmann, Krakauskas, Phebus and R. Ferrell; Ross, Smith and Hayes.

Chicago 8 11 0 Detroit 5 10 1 Rigney, Brown and Sewell; Poffenberger and Tebbetta.

R. H. E. Boston 4 6 4 New York 6 8 0 Ostermuller, McKain, Wilson and Berg, Peacock; Donald, Murphy and Dickey.

JOSEPHINE MINERS MAKE CONCESSION TO HELP ANGLERS

GRANTS PASS, April 29.—(AP)—Josephine county gold miners have agreed to close down operations to provide week-end fishing for salmon, Earl K. Nixon, state director of the department of geology and mineral industries, announced here today.

Nixon planned to contact larger operations in Jackson county this afternoon to urge them to join this agreement which is offered as the compromise settlement of the two-year legislative and court battle between fishing and mining interests along the Rogue river.

Now in the midst of the mining season peak, Josephine county operators have agreed to close down for five of the 21 shifts each week, starting with the end of the Friday afternoon shift May 8. Operations are not to resume until the Sunday morning shift. Some Grave creek miners in addition will not operate Sunday shifts, Nixon said.

Decided Concession. "Miners are making decided concessions in closing down for nearly 20 per cent of the time," Nixon declared. "The mining season is always limited, and water which flows on through flumes and pipes cannot be saved for future use."

"This afternoon I plan to visit Evans Creek and Applegate river miners in Jackson county to urge them to accept the advice of the state department."

"We have no power to compel compliance, but I am carrying out the promise made when the Curry county court dropped its injunction suit to close down all mining."

Because of the uncertain speed of the river, the variable flow, and expected diltion, the period of clear water at various places along the river is uncertain, Nixon pointed out.

REVENUE DECLINE CITED AS MAKING ACTION NECESSARY

Saving of \$250,000,000 Yearly Seen—Inadequacy of Recent Freight Rate Increase Also a Factor

CLEVELAND, April 29.—(AP)—D. H. Robertson, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, declared today: "There will be no wage reduction by railroad employes."

WASHINGTON, April 29.—(AP)—Opposition of railroad labor to the wage cut proposed by the Association of American Railroads was carried to the White House today by George Harrison, head of the Railway Labor Executives' association.

"I am disappointed," Harrison said as he entered the president's office, "that the railroads would undertake to cut wages and dry up purchasing power in view of the effort of the president to increase purchasing power."

CHICAGO, April 29.—(AP)—The Association of American Railroads adopted today a resolution under the railway labor act to serve notice of a 15 per cent wage reduction effective July 1 for all classes of labor.

The act would represent a saving of \$250,000,000, annually to member roads, the association said. In a memorandum, the association stated the wage cut was necessary because of loss of revenue and increases in operating costs.

Revenue losses the association laid to a decline in traffic, diversion of traffic to competing forms of transportation and inadequacy of the recent freight rate raise allowed by the interstate commerce commission.

Operating Costs Up. Operating costs were higher, the memorandum said, because of advanced payrolls due to the 1937 wage increases and adjustments, costly and restrictive interpretations placed on working rules by a judgment board particularly for employes in the transportation group. Legislative expenses accrued in opposing regulatory measures, tax expenses, and the increase in materials and supplies costs.

The memorandum said that in determining the amount of the wage reduction to be sought for approximately 1,000,000 workers serious consideration was given the present financial condition of the carriers, which it said was "seven more desperate than it was in January, 1932, when a deduction of 10 per cent in pay checks was accepted voluntarily by the employes."

Income Note Dives. In the four months ended in January, 1938, the net operating income of class I railroads, the statement said, was \$13,710,022, or 10 per cent below that earned in the four months ended in January, 1932.

"Even more significant of the memorandum continued, "is the fact that net railway operating income in January, 1938, fell 38 per cent below that of January, 1932. In this connection it must be remembered that the carriers' 1932 request for wage reduction was prompted by the inadequacy of railway net earnings in the latter part of the year."

The railroads, it announced, they would give formal notice of the reduction to the 21 brotherhoods at once.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS DIG UP FOR BEAUTY

PORTLAND, April 29.—(AP)—State highway commissioners who opened bids on seven toll projects totaling approximately \$270,000, this morning, dug into their personal pockets for "appropriation" to aid a campaign to beautify highway routes.

Chairman Henry F. Cabell advised an Oregon roadside council delegation, headed by Mrs. Jessie M. Honeyman of Portland, that the commission was in accord with the beautification movement but doubted the legality of allocating a requested \$3600 to finance it.

Mrs. Honeyman thereupon requested, and received, personal contributions from the chairman and Commissioners E. B. Aldrich and F. L. Touvelle.

ONTARIO, April 29.—(AP)—Coyotes virtually live in the city's back yards. Hot-21 Long trapped a coyote and 14 cubs in a cave less than a half mile from town.