

Thoughts We've Been Thinking

Eugene Elated Over Visit of Pelican to That City. Hal Hoss, Secretary of State, Has a Wallop in Him Worth Admiring. Early Start on California Section of Weed-Klamath Highway Good News to This Section. War Department Cuts Red Tape in Matter of Bridge Over Link River and Southern Pacific Can Proceed With Industrial Development.

By BRUCE DENNIS

THE city of Eugene is elated because a large Pelican visited that community. It attracted extraordinary attention, so much so that mention was carried in news dispatches.

HERE in Klamath Falls Pelicans are to be seen by the thousands. They give military drills, they marshal their forces in the shallow waters and give exhibitions of "providing for the rainy day" by working under leadership of one of their band in scooping up fish. In fact, a stranger would think they were trained birds doing stunts to entertain. The Pelican is a part of this community, and Eugene people should come down occasionally where they can see these proud old birds in all of their glory.

HAL HOSS, secretary of state, has a wallop in him that is to be admired. Although T. A. Hafferty is a veteran in the traffic service of the state, having been a Sam Koser appointee, Hal Hoss fired him and a number of others from the service.

Hafferty had been on the job too long. He had become pretty well steeped in the belief, apparently, that the state must have his services. Hal Hoss thought otherwise and thought it so strong that he provided Hafferty with a ticket of leave which separates him permanently from the public trough.

It is a good beginning Hal, and the people of this part of the state are with you. Combining the "war-horses in public service" in Oregon is a good thing, for the Hal Hoss comb is a "fine" comb and will pull a lot of snarl out of the grizzled old head of Old Man Oregon. Keep up the good work. This is a year for an accounting of all public officials, from court house to state house. The people want it.

THE news that a start is soon to be made on the California section of the Klamath-Weed highway comes as a midsummer tonic. If hope will help any the Northern Californians have the united hope of Southern Oregon that the highway will be pushed to completion in the shortest possible time. Remember, it will be an easy day's drive to San Francisco when the Weed road is completed.

THERE is no way to prevent "red tape" proceedings in this nation of ours. But we do want to say a good word for the War Department in Washington, D. C. for rendering a favorable decision so quickly which decision permits the Southern Pacific to build a bridge across Link river so that company can improve its industrial area in Klamath Falls. Link river is still under supervision of the War Department. Just why it is hard to tell, but such is the case. Years ago boats ran on the river and records show it to

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Aunt Het



"Maybe it ain't stylish, but when I fix a big dinner for company I want to see the men lean back an' let their belts out a notch when dessert comes."

REDS SLAY THOUSANDS

DROUGHT IN EAST LOOKS NO BETTER

Weekly Weather, Crop Report Only Adds More Gloom

LIGHT RAINS FAIL IN EXPECTED HELP

North Central Portion, Rocky Mountain States and South Atlantic Region Get Slight Relief From Showers But Condition Reported as "Alarmingly Dry."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6

(AP)—The department of agriculture in its weekly weather and crop report today added more gloom to the drought situation.

In the north central portion of the country during the past few days local areas have been afflicted by showers, and showers have fallen also in some central Gulf districts. Beneficial rains have fallen in the Rocky Mountain area and in some of the South Atlantic states.

That was the only relief, and the seventh consecutive week aggravated conditions that were already serious. The report said sections that have been doing well until now are becoming "alarmingly dry."

Disasters Reported. In general the report confirmed stories of disaster and near disaster from widely scattered regions. It said the drought is general practically everywhere east of the Rockies, except a few fortunate localities and parts of the southeast. It added "all growing vegetation is seriously affected."

The corn crop has suffered most of all. Pastures would revive with abundant moisture, but much corn

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Dale Jackson Has Cold But Refuses To Give Up Flight

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 6, (AP)—Dale Jackson, co-pilot with Forest O'Brien of the endurance monoplane Greater St. Louis, today was suffering from a cold, but did not regard it as "anything wrong."

Jackson said over the plane's short-wave transmitter late yesterday he didn't "feel good," but said he would "let you know if anything is wrong."

Since the plane continued to function smoothly today, attaches at the airport were convinced the flight would not end before the record of the Hunter Brothers of Sparta, Ill., had fallen. The Hunter Brothers remained aloft 544 hours at Chicago last month. At 7:11 today (CST) Jackson and O'Brien had been in the air 344 hours.

Amy Johnson Gets Check for Flight

LONDON, Aug. 6, (AP)—Amy Johnson, Britain's London-to-Australia flying heroine, made a triumphal progress through the streets of London.

Britons anxious to see "Flying Amy" lined the streets as they do when royalty goes on formal show.

The aviatrix, whose personality charmed a dozen countries on her recent record air journey went to a hotel where England's conquering youth of 1920, most of them girl celebrities, attended a welcoming luncheon and saw her receive a check for \$10,000 from the London Daily Mail which, maintaining the traditions of Lord Northcliffe for fostering aviation, rewarded her for her success on the Australia hop.

Country's Growth Past Ten Years is Greatest

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6, (AP)—Continental United States had a population of 122,739,615 April 2 this year.

The first complete compilation of the nation's population was made possible today when a single township in Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, which had been missing, was reported.

The returns were compiled from official reports of the district supervisors throughout the

Kansas Claim to Chief of Indian

KANSAS, Aug. 6. —"Chief" Hauke, chieftain of the Kiowa tribe, yesterday's primary can claim no Indian blood like another noted Kansan, Vice-President Curtis — but he carries the title as a result of keen interest in Indian lore.

The nickname was bestowed by chums in Hauke's youth because he devoted much time to digging up arrowheads and other Indian relics on the old Ogea reservation near Council Grove. He has been "Chief Hauke," pronounced Howke — to his friends ever since.

ORDER REDMEN CONVENES SOON

Great Council Gathers in Klamath Falls August 14

The great council of the Improved Order of Redmen for the state of Oregon will open in Klamath Falls on August 14, to continue for three days. Over 300 delegates, visiting Redmen and Pocahontas members from over the state, in addition to a number of the state and national leaders of the organization are expected to be here at that time.

Hotel headquarters of the convention will be at the Arcade, where guests and delegates will register on the morning of August 14. Convention headquarters will be established in the new dance hall over Murray's building.

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GRAIN PRICES TURN UPWARD

CHICAGO, Aug. 6, (AP)—Corn hit a dollar a bushel today on the board of trade for the May option, while the other months were close to that figure in a rampant bull market that also carried wheat up sharply.

May corn touched \$1.01 1/2 a bushel, or 6 1/2 cents above the opening figure. At the outside sale, December and March corn were up 7 cents from yesterday's close.

Buyers Excited. The pits were wild with excited buyers, who paid whatever the price of the coarser grain by anomaly for some time also went up as much as five cents a bushel, September option nearing 96 cents a bushel while December equalled May corn and March wheat went through \$1.06.

Around midday corn was going up at the rate of a cent a minute. The pits were crowded with overflying while brokers fought for even a toe hold on the rim of the rostrum.

During this melee, September corn bounded up to a dollar and even more.

Big Kansas Bank Closes Its Doors

WICHITA, Kas., Aug. 6, (AP)—The Guarantee Trust and Trust company and the Guarantee State Bank with liabilities aggregating \$3,347,224.43 failed to open for business today.

Standish Hall, president of both institutions asked W. E. Koeneke, state bank commissioner, to take charge, pending liquidation.

Uncertainty of the securities market and recent heavy withdrawals were given by Mr. Hall as reasons for the bank's closing. He said liquidation would be speedy and the loss borne by the stockholders.

These totals, however, are subject to revision in the census bureau's announcement which is expected soon.

The nation's total population with its outlying possessions numbers 137,502,303 persons as 14,733,430 occupy the various territories and island dependencies.

The total population increase in the forty-eight states and the

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PROSECUTOR PUTS COURT IN UPROAR

Cunha Says Billings And Mooney Members of Gang of Blasters

MOONEY ENGINEERED PLAN HE DECLARES

Deputy Prosecutor During Preparedness Day Trial Startles Court by Stating That Pair Planned to Break Up Parade by Bombing It; Berkman Presided Over Gang.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6

(AP)—Ed Cunha, deputy prosecutor during the trial of Warren K. Billings and Thomas J. Mooney for the 1916 Preparedness day bombing here, threw the California supreme court hearing on Billings' pardon application into an uproar today by asserting Mooney and Billings were members of a gang of "blasters."

Cunha started the court room by asserting the gang planned to stop the parade by bombing it.

He said he had evidence to show Mooney engineered the plan and that both Mooney and Billings admitted.

Cunha added, consequently they "were guilty under the criminal code of California, and their pardon application could not be considered."

The former prosecutor charged Alexander Berkman, editor of an

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Sheep Reduction Will Help Prices

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6, (AP)—A considerable reduction in the number of sheep in the United States and abroad during the next two or three years was forecast today by the Department of Agriculture, which said this decrease would improve the sheep and wool industries.

The western sheep grower was said to be in a "very difficult" position at the present time, partially because of the drought which had reduced the amount of available feed.

Purchasing power of consumers has been "materially reduced," also the department said, adding the larger supplies of sheep and lambs for slaughter have been taken at greatly reduced prices.

Coast People Out For New Highway

WHEELER, Aug. 6, (AP)—A wheel of resolutions concerning the proposed construction of a short cut to the sea from Portland for submission to the Oregon State Highway Commission, were being signed by civic and community organizations from Astoria to Tillamook today.

The resolutions are in the nature of an assurance of support and a pledge of loyalty to the highway commission in any action it may take on any route.

Last Minute News

NO WORD FROM FLIER. BATAVIA, Java, Aug. 6, (AP)—A. T. Cunningham, Australian amateur aviator, who left Sydney August 1 on a solo flight to England in an attempt to beat Bert Hinkler's 15 day record has not been reported since he left Wyndham, North Australia, for Bima at dawn yesterday.

The Wyndham Bima stage involves several hundred miles over sea, and is one of the most dangerous sections of the flight.

AFTER NEW RECORD. ST. LOUIS, Aug. 6, (AP)—Speeding westward in an attempt to set a new New York-to-Los Angeles transcontinental record, Captain Frank M. Hawks landed at Lambert-St. Louis field from Columbus, Ohio, at 9:15 a. m. (CST) today. He returned Sydney August 1 for Wichita, Kan. Hawks took off from Curtis Field, N. Y., at 5 a. m. (EST).

Europe's Fairest to Compete in U. S.



It's a beautiful world, as these pictures prove! And no corner of the globe has a corner on pulchritude, to judge by these fairest flowers of Europe, shown here as they arrived in Havana, Cuba, en route to the recent international beauty pageant at Galveston, Texas. Above, left to right, are "Miss Germany," Carla Boehl; "Miss Roumania," Mariane P. Mirica; "Miss France," Madeleine Mourgues; and "Miss Turkey," Feriha Terlik. Below: "Miss Hungary," Georgette Gero; "Miss Bucharest," Lilianne M. Andreescu; and "Miss Russia," Nadia de Kosarin.

Administration Favored By Primary Elections in Three Out of Four States

LAWYER HELD AS MURDERER

A. D. Payne Accused Of Placing Blast That Killed His Wife

AMARILLO, Tex., Aug. 6 (AP)—Formal charges of murder were filed here today against A. D. Payne, Amarillo attorney, in connection with the death of his wife who was killed June 27 when an infernal machine wrecked the family automobile.

District Attorney E. W. Thomerson swore to the charges before Justice of the Peace James W. Minter.

Payne was arrested last night and taken to Stinnett, county seat of Hutchinson county as a precaution against violence, feeling having been tense after news of the attorney's arrest spread.

Thomerson announced today the accused man had made a statement last night but he refused to divulge its nature. He was inclined to minimize it.

When arrested Payne had on his person two pencilled letters, stamped and addressed to the sheriff and chief of police, purported to be from safe blowers who said they had placed the explosives in the Payne automobile the night before the blast through mistake.

NO CHANGE-IN WEATHER.

The Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy continues to walk the straight and narrow path, therefore we have nothing startling to say regarding the weather.

The Tycos recording thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures as follows:

High 55, low 52.

Forecast for next 24 hours: Fair and warm, little change in temperatures.

TO PAY RANSOM

LONDON, Aug. 6, (AP)—The church missionary society has given its Fuchow representative authority to pay the ransom demanded by the captors of Edith Nettleton and Eleanor Harrison, British women missionaries, if the British consul there considered the payment necessary to accomplish their release. The amount demanded was \$50,000 Chinese or about \$19,000 gold.

"MEDICINE MAN" RELEASED

PORTLAND, Aug. 6 (AP)—McCauley Travis, 62, reputed "medicine man" and mind reader, questioned by authorities in connection with the death of Mrs. Rena Davis, 40, Tacoma, Wash., beaten to death in a hotel, was released today. Authorities were unable to connect Travis and a sinister message "Beware of a dark man" with the crime.

INVADERS MERCILESS TO VICTIMS

Plunder and Murder as They Sweep Through Hunan Province

4,000 MISSING FROM WEALTHIER CLASSES

Government Dispatch Asserting Provincial Troops Had Re-entered Changsha Received With Reserve at Shanghai; American and British Gunboats Sent Up River.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 6 (A

P)—Japanese dispatches today reported communists executed 2,000 Chinese after capturing Changsha last Tuesday. In addition, 4000 Chinese were missing from the wealthy Hunan province capital, many sections of which were looted and burned, the dispatches said. These were believed either murdered or kidnapped by the invaders.

An official government dispatch from Nanking asserting provincial troops had re-entered Changsha was received here with great reserve. The situation there and at Hankow, threatened by advancing red armies, was considered grave.

Additional warships were being rushed to the red zone today by foreign governments, whose decisions to reinforce the Yangtze river patrol was hastened by further outrages against their nationals. Eleven whites were known to have fallen victims of communist lead and steel since last Wednesday.

Six American and three British sailors have been wounded in skirmishes between bandits and subunits on the Ssang river near Changsha.

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President's Trip To West Held Up By State Affairs

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6, (AP)—As the time draws near when President Hoover hoped to leave for his vacation in the Rocky Mountains, his plans remain indefinite.

Faced by unexpected and prolonged difficulties in selecting the personnel of the tariff commission and with other problems still to be solved before he leaves, he has consistently declined to discuss plans even with his aides at the White House.

Continuance of the drought making necessary emergency measures by the government, also might work to alter plans of the president, it was pointed out today.

It was said at the White House, however, that so far as his intentions go, the announcement that he expected to spend at least two weeks visiting Glacier and Yellowstone National parks still stood. He may be compelled, it was added, to abandon all plans for an extensive vacation, but no decision has been made.

Dorothy Dell Goff Declared Beauty Queen of Universe

GALVESTON, Tex., Aug. 6, (AP)—A blonde, 17-year-old high school girl and radio singer, Dorothy Dell Goff of New Orleans won today the title "Beauty Queen of the Universe."

Miss Goff was selected as the final winner of the annual international pageant of "Pulchritudo" last night and tonight \$2,000 in prize money and a silver plaque will be presented to her at a testimonial dinner. She previously had been named "Miss United States of America," in the first judging event.

The girl, brought up to the microphone, looked bewildered and said in a half choked voice she was "the happiest girl in the world."

SMALL BOY DROWNS

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 6, (AP)—Jackie Weize, 5, drowned in the Willamette river last night while playing on an island. A group of boys playing with him were unable to account for the accident.

The youth's parents were living in a camp near the scene.

Pastor Who Married the Hoovers Dies at San Jose

SAN JOSE, Cal., Aug. 6, (AP)—The Right Reverend Monsignor Ramon M. Mestres, 66, for the past 37 years pastor of the Carmel mission, who gained prominence during the last presidential campaign as the pastor who married Herbert Hoover and Lou Henry in Monterey in 1899, died here last night following a prolonged heart illness.

Mrs. Herbert Hoover, then Lou Henry, a teacher in the Monterey

public schools, was a close friend of Father Mestres prior to her marriage.

The friendship between the pair was strengthened by a mutual interest in educational, scientific and historical subjects.

Native of Spain.

Father Mestres, a native of Barcelona, Spain, was a scion of a distinguished family.

He was ordained to the priesthood.

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Poor Pa

"I told my sisters Ma didn't come to the station to meet 'em because she wasn't feelin' good, but I'm afraid they know she just wasn't feelin' good towards them."