

# GRAIN PRICE PLUNGE HALTED

**In The Day's News**  
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WEATHER	
Max. (Feb. 13)	44
Min. (Feb. 13)	33
Precipitation last 24 hours	0.3
Stream year to date	6.3
Last year	3.55
Normal	3.18
Forecast	Cloudy, rain.

# The Klamath Falls and News

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## Wheat, Oats Show Gain At Market Close

NEW YORK, Feb. 14 (AP)—The downward plunge of prices on the nation's grain markets which began 11 days ago was halted for the first time today.

Wheat and oats closed on the Chicago board of trade several cents a bushel higher than yesterday. Corn, which had plummeted fastest, held about even. Only soybeans again fell the daily limit of 8 cents.

There had been rallies during the nine days of trading which began February 4, but each day until today the closing price had been below those of the previous day.

It was nip and tuck during the closing hour at Chicago, as trading became rapid and corn began to drop from the day's highs. Wheat was caught in the downdraft and hit new lows for the day only to rally in the closing minutes.

Cotton and lard kept in step with the grain prices. Stocks showed rising tendencies at the close although the New York market was quiet and changes amounted to less than \$1 a share.

Today's trading brought to the fore again the question of how far grain prices would plunge. Their steadiness today was expected to bolster other commodity markets, which had sagged in sympathy.

There was a possibility that the upward trend today may prove to have been only temporary.

Soybeans were the exception in the Chicago pits. They dropped the daily limit of 8 cents at the start.

Cotton Up  
Cotton opened as much as \$2 a bale higher. Profit taking and hedging pared the gain a bit. But at the end of the first hour buying cropped up again and prices went ahead as much as \$2.90 a bale.

Part of the early demand was believed by traders to have resulted from indications that farmers would start placing stocks into government loans rather than sell at current levels.

Assorted industrial stocks advanced by less than \$1 a share, but many leaders were slightly lower.

Other large grocery chains rushed to join those already putting into effect lower prices on a variety of cost of living items after the commodity price break. The Grand Union company said that 27 meats cuts would be tagged lower starting Monday.

The largest of the latest meat price declines were in chuck roast of beef and brisket. Chuck roast or steak will be 35 cents a pound Monday in Grand Union stores, down four cents. Rib roasts will be 61 cents, a drop of two cents.

## Three File For Sheriff's Post

King And Queen Of Hearts Crowned At Riverside

### Floods Drive Southerners From Homes

By The Associated Press  
Rivers surged out of their banks driving hundreds of families from their homes in the south today and the casualty count from Mississippi tornadoes increased.

The Red Cross reported nine persons dead and 42 hospitalized at Newton, Miss. The East-Central Mississippi town suffered the brunt of yesterday's twister damage.

The report, from the Red Cross, said 50 homes at Newton were destroyed, 20 badly damaged and about 75 other buildings either destroyed or damaged.

A second tornado which struck 10 miles south of Monticello flattened two houses.

Flood Damage  
Floods caused their greatest damage in Tennessee—one of the four states affected by rising waters. The other states were Mississippi, Kentucky and West Virginia.

Tennessee's two great rivers, the Cumberland and the Tennessee, and other smaller streams were on the rampage. The Red Cross estimated that more than 400 families had been evacuated.

The Duck river at Columbia, Tenn., reached 52 feet—four above the all-time previous record set in 1902. The city of 12,000 was cut in two and the water still was rising into the streets. A crest of 55 feet was expected this afternoon.

At Shelbyville, upstream from Columbia, the situation was a little better after an all-time high water mark was set yesterday. The river dropped eight feet overnight. At the Falls height, a fourth of the city was under water.

Still Rising  
The Tennessee at Chattanooga and the Cumberland at Nashville were out of their banks and still rising. No major damage was expected at either city.

New sections of the country escaped the lash of angry elements. Snow, rain, sleet and freezing rain covered a wide stretch from the Rockies to the North Atlantic seaboard. Meanwhile a cold wave spread toward the Midwest and prepared to head for the Northeast.

The mercury dropped from a high of 36 Friday to a -13 early today at Pembina, N. D., as a cold mass from Canada moved south and east.

Business and industry suffered from the impact of the floods and storm. Highway travel from the plains states to the East Coast was hazardous. Air traffic was halted in many cities. In New York alone, 150 flights were canceled at La Guardia field because of the low ceiling.



Before a heart-decked St. Valentine's tree, fifth graders watched their King and Queen of Hearts crowned Friday at Riverside school, culminating an afternoon's festivity dedicated to the patron saint of lovers. The Queen of Hearts is pretty little Janice Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Smith, 139 Riverside, and the King is "Chuckle" Brandness, son of Mr. and Mrs. Einar Brandness, 845 California. Crowning the king is the prime minister, Eric Lundgren, son of Mrs. Evelyn Naulty, 509 N. 2nd. Younger brothers and sisters and mothers watched the ceremony conducted in Mrs. Juanita Koenig's room. This scene was typical throughout the city schools yesterday as Valentine boxes were the primary interest.

### Low Decision Not To Run Starts Rush

Sheriff Lloyd Low's announcement that he did not choose to run for re-election opened the door for a rush to the candidate filing counter, and by noon today three aspirants had declared themselves formally for the republican nomination to the county's No. 1 law enforcement office.

The filed candidates:  
George Uerlings, 30, body and fender repairman, ex-air corps captain, who has the blessing of Sheriff Low as his successor.  
Fenton Mahrt, chief of police of Chilquien.  
Joseph E. Green 2635 Radcliffe, a car salesman, former county day jailer.

No Demos  
No democrats had filed by noon today for the nomination in that party, but there were a number of other republicans prominently mentioned as possibilities for the GOP race. They include Deputy Sheriff Jack Franey, former Deputy Sheriff Dale Mattoon, who is now a stage line operator, and former City Policeman Sid Herbert, at present a relief night jailer.

The sheriff's job carries a four-year term at \$3,300 a year. Sheriff Low, who had served as sheriff for 24 years, said yesterday that he would not run, although he previously had indicated he would seek re-election. Commenting today on the rush of candidates which followed his announcement, he said he is "for" Uerlings.

The first man to file was Green, who signed his papers at the county clerk's office at 9 a. m. Green came to Klamath county as a marine, being stationed at the Marine Barracks, and remained as a permanent resident here. He served several months as a day jailer for Sheriff Low. He is now a used car salesman.

Mahrt filed about 9:45 a. m. Mahrt formerly worked as a patrolman on the Klamath Falls police force, and has been the Chilquien police chief for about a year.

Uerlings, who filed just before noon, was the first candidate to make a formal statement to the press about his candidacy.

Long-time Resident  
Uerlings is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Uerlings, long-time residents of Klamath Falls. He is 21 (Continued on Page 2, Column 2)

### New Storm Hits Crater

A driving snowstorm broke in Crater Lake national park at 9:30 this morning and rangers advised The Herald and News that unless the storm abates, skiing tomorrow will not be good. A later report, however, on skiing and road conditions in the park will be broadcast at 8:30 a. m. Sunday over KFLW when rangers will call in last minute news of the weather.

Up to Saturday morning the park has had 35 inches of snow this week, most of it falling in the big storm last Sunday and Monday. Skiing would have been good, with trails fairly well broken, had this morning's storm held off. The tow and lunch counter will operate over the week-end.

So far in February there has been an 83-inch fall compared to a 31½-inch fall for all of February last year. From September to January, the park has received 231½ inches of snow compared to the average fall of 267 inches for the same period. To date the park is short 35.6 inches, but this will probably be reached this month as average snow in February is 83 inches and already there has been 63 inches, rangers said.

Minimum temperature this morning was 24 degrees. It was 26 at 9:30 a. m.

### Convict Takes Own Life

CANON CITY, Colo., Feb. 14 (AP)—One of 12 dangerous convicts who broke from the state penitentiary here in December killed himself in his cell Thursday night, Warden Roy Best reported today.

George Trujillo, 24, strangled himself in a noose made from his torn-up shirt, the warden said.

Trujillo, serving four to five years for a Denver burglary, and 11 other desperate prisoners broke from the prison December 30. He was recaptured a few hours later on a nearby farm. Two of his companions were killed and the others retaken.

Monday and Tuesday nights are now available for private swimming parties and group swimming for organizations and clubs. Proceeds from the winter swim program are sufficient to pay operating expenses. Recreational Director Sam Smith said today.

In the new ceramics class, opened last week, two sections have been opened. Twenty people have enrolled in each section. One meets Monday nights and the other Thursday nights. Information on enrolling may be obtained from Smith, telephone 7112.

### Vet Students Get Pay Boost

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—President Truman today signed legislation increasing benefits of 2,000,000 veterans attending school under the GI bill.

It raises the monthly subsistence allowance for veterans without dependents from \$65 to \$75, those with one dependent from \$90 to \$105, and those with two or more dependents from \$90 to \$120.

The new schedules go into effect April 1.

The veterans administration has estimated the increases will cost the government approximately \$217,000,000 a year.

The measure was backed strongly by veterans' organizations.

It was passed by the senate last summer and by the house February 3.

The house veterans committee's professional staff said veterans working part-time while they go to school will be eligible for the new allowances. However, such a veteran's combined allowance and salary will be held under ceilings.

The present ceilings of \$175 a month on combined earnings and allowances for veterans without dependents, and \$200 for those with dependents, are not changed by the new law.

### 100 Per Cent Up In Rents Seen If Curbs Called Off

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—Senate GOP leaders think rents might soon 100 per cent if controls were ended, Senator Morse (R-Ore.) said today. He told a reporter this opinion was expressed at a recent closed door conference of all Republican senators.

Morse said that on the basis of this forecast the senate republican leadership has decided that an extension of rent controls is necessary "in the public interest."

The present rent law expires February 29. Both the house and senate banking committees are studying bills to extend it. Because of the controversy over how long and in what form the extension should be, the existing statute may be continued "as is" until March 31, Chairman Wolcott (R-Mich.) of the house banking group favors that procedure.

Morse showed a newsman a telegram expressing his views on rent control. It was sent to James A. Rodman, a real estate man in Eugene, Ore. Rodman also is chairman of the Oregon state republican committee.

He wrote Morse noting that one proposed change in the rent law would put new homes back under rent control. Rodman suggested that would discourage of rental housing.

In reply, Morse said he has heard predictions by republican leaders that rents would "double in a short time" if controls were removed.

"I cannot agree that the answer is to let them double, because it would be profiteering in most instances. Neither is it an answer to say that because other economic groups have profited during and since the war, profiteering should be allowed in a commodity so vital to human needs as housing."

Morse told Rodman it seems to him "the strongest argument a real estate man has is that rent controls have resulted in discrimination against him." Nearly all other wartime controls, the senator said, have been lifted.

"However," Morse said, "there is nothing inconsistent in our American way of life . . . in protecting the general public from unreasonable prices resulting from short supply of necessities."

He added that rent control is based on that general principle.

### Park Land Split Seen

TULELAKE, Feb. 14 (AP)—Further progress toward a compromise in the dispute over Lava Beds monument extension over the Tulelake peninsula was noted this week after a conference between interested Tulelake people and park service representatives.

At the meeting, held at the recreation bureau offices in Klamath Falls, it was suggested that the park service take only the south end of the peninsula, from the point where the road crosses it. Tulelake sportsmen, who first objected to the park service plan to take over a strip of the peninsula area, were asked to write their suggestions to the park service at Washington.

Attending the session were Don Potter, Sam Anderson, John Takacs, Ralph Fassett, Charles Carl, Roy Morcoso, Paul Rogers and Lew Booth, all of Tulelake; Charles Stark, Klamath chamber of commerce manager; Sanford Hill, R. E. Hoyt and Lowell Summer of the regional national park office at San Francisco, and Don Fisher, custodian of the Lava Beds national monument. The Lava Beds monument is under jurisdiction of the national park service.

### Biddle Faces Assault Count

A federal charge of assault with a dangerous weapon has been placed against Joe Biddle, 20-year-old Umatilla Indian, in connection with the shooting of Eugene Lahr on the Klamath Indian reservation Wednesday morning, and Biddle probably will be moved to Portland Monday.

He was arraigned yesterday afternoon before U. S. Commissioner Bert C. Thomas and bail was set at \$1500.

The condition of Lahr, a Blackfoot Indian, remains critical. The young man is at Klamath Valley hospital and his physician holds little hope for his recovery. Lahr was struck in the head with a .32 caliber pistol bullet and the slug was removed from his brain Wednesday afternoon. He has been unconscious since he was brought to the hospital from Chilquien Wednesday morning.

Curt Stanton and George Stanton, brothers, are still held in jail at Chilquien as material witnesses to the crime.

An FBI officer took a statement from Biddle yesterday.

### Southern California Needs Water

Southern California needs water. It has already taken about all there is to be had from existing sources. WITHOUT ENOUGH WATER, the time must come when Southern California will have to stop growing. It's like a sweet potato sprouted in a bottle. When it fills the bottle, the jig is up.

Southern California wants atom power to distill sea water—to take the salt out (along with all the other elements in sea water, such as useful magnesium and not-now-very-useful gold), leaving the FRESH water to be spread upon the land.

So, you see, learning how to make platinum out of something else would be progress, whereas making gold out of something else would be just a nuisance.

The world certainly changes.

### Terrill Up For Assessor

Glen Terrill, at present serving as county tax assessor by appointment, announced today he would seek the republican nomination for a return to the office.

Previously Terrill had said he had not made up his mind, but today he said he was definitely a candidate. There have been no other persons announced for that office from either party.

Terrill was appointed assessor by the county court last July to serve until the next general election, when Newton Nelson left the office to go into the real estate business. Terrill has had considerable experience in the work, having been in the tax office as assistant to the late "Bill" Lee and also to Charles Mack, from 1925 to 1937. He also was secretary of the Klamath Irrigation district for seven years.

Terrill resides at 4049 Delaware.

### Wright Plane To Come Home

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—The Wright brothers plane which made the world's first powered flight with a man aboard is coming home after a 20-year exile.

The Kensington Museum of Science, and which is ready to send the frail biplane "Kittyhawk" back to the United States.

The Smithsonian Institution, a government museum in Washington, has promised it the place of "highest honor, which is its due."

It was a feud with the Smithsonian over credit for the world's first heavier-than-air flight which led Orville Wright to ship the little aircraft abroad in 1928.

### Lost Luggage Safely Back

One traveler has a good impression of Oregon people. A month ago, John Miscovich reported the loss of two suitcases, valued at nearly \$1000, to The Herald and News.

Miscovich lost the luggage somewhere between Eugene and Klamath Falls when it fell out of the trunk of his car. He was en route to Los Angeles, Calif. from Fairbanks, Alaska.

This morning, Miscovich again called The Herald, this time to report that a man in Eugene had found his luggage and wired him in Los Angeles.

Now he's on his way to Fairbanks, impressed by Oregonian honesty, and with his luggage tucked securely inside his car.

### Hall Feuds With Campus Newsheet

PORTLAND, Feb. 14 (AP)—Governor Hall and the Willamette university student newspaper are feuding today over an interview the paper published.

Hall asserted the article in the Willamette Collegian attributed to him several statements implying prejudice against negroes. He denied making the statements.

The interview was given by Hall to Mary Elizabeth Terford, 19, Camas, Wash., and Alice Tuttle-dove, 18, Willamette students, who reported the interview as a speech class project.

The story got into the student newspaper after Editor George Hurd, also a member of the class, got Miss Terford to make her notes available.

### Solons Offer \$5 Billion Marshall Plan Proposal

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—The senate foreign relations committee today offered congress a way to get the Marshall plan started for \$5,300,000,000.

It was agreed to recommend that sum for European recovery during the first 12 months instead of the \$6,800,000,000 President Truman asked for 15 months.

First reaction of the Marshall plan's critics gave the compromise little encouragement.

"Who you analyze it, it's no different than it was," said Senator Wherry (R-Nebr.), the assistant majority leader. Wherry is one of a group of 20 GOP senators who are determined to tone down the whole foreign aid program.

He said the committee plan would merely delay larger appropriations for the 16 Western European nations until next year.

"They are doing that because it makes the figure smaller," Wherry told a reporter. "They think they'll pick up a few votes."

Chairman Vandenberg (R-Mich.) was quick to concede there would be

### Swim Program Gains Ground

Response to the city recreation department's winter swimming program has increased since the first of the year so that two additional sections have been opened for swimming.

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### "Valentine State" Remembers Day As Sweethearts Celebrate

St. Valentine's Day, with all its cupid, darts and red hearts, holds a double meaning for the state of Oregon which lays claim to the title of "The Valentine State."

It was just 89 years ago today, February 14, that Oregon was admitted to statehood in the Union.

But it is 100 years ago this coming August that Oregon was admitted as a territory, and while those who love their state and observe Valentine's Day as day of statehood, there are still others anxiously awaiting the big centennial celebration next summer.

But to thousands and thousands of Oregonians, especially children, today is the day for the exchange of loving missives, a day when bars are down on "love and kisses" and tender pleadings to "Be My Valentine." Stores did a land office business in the sale of everything from Valentines from cross-eyed lovers to messages fringed with lace and ruffles. Some even bore scented, padded hearts in shades of pink, red and lavender.

Red tulips, red roses, which speak of love unbridled, nosegays and orchids went from flower shops today to "One I Love." Sly lovers had a field day and no message could be too filled with sentiment on this day of days.

In all the rush and hub-bub of Valentine's Day, there is a little credit due a certain Bishop Valentine who, many centuries ago, labored in Italy. This bishop dwelt in Umbria and his trials and tribulations finally wound up to the dedication of St. Valentine's Day.

### Newport Site Of Food Price War

NEWPORT, Feb. 14 (AP)—Another price war broke out in Oregon and housewives in this coastal town were recounting the benefits today.

When two markets began competing for business the prices went down to such examples as: two pounds of oleomargarine for 4 cents; two pounds of lard for 29 cents; and two pounds of fancy sliced bacon for 43 cents.

Further north customers at St. Helens cashed in from a meat price war—the highlight of which recently had one butcher paying customers a dime to carry away ham.

### Officials Deny Conspiracy To Cut Central Valley Plan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—Two high interior department officials denied under oath today that there was a "vile and vicious" conspiracy to exhaust funds and shut down construction on the California Central valley reclamation project by January 1.

The charge came from Senator Downey (D-Calif.) during a hearing before the senate interior appropriations committee.

The denials came from William E. Warne, assistant secretary of interior, and Michael W. Straus, commissioner of the reclamation bureau.

Warne said he interpreted a memorandum of Richard L. Boke, regional director of the bureau in Sacramento, Calif., as referring to the spending of "carryover" funds by January 1, not the new appropriation for the 1948 fiscal year ending June 30.

Boke's memorandum, dated last

### Three Babies Risk 13th Date

Three Friday the Thirteenth babies, all boys, arrived yesterday at Klamath Falls hospital and today all were doing nicely despite the unlucky date which the infants chose as their natal day.

First boy to arrive was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Long, 340 N. 9th, who checked in at 10:22 a. m. At 1:30 p. m. the stork left a 7-pound 15½-ounce boy to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Drew, route 2 box 685. Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Vinson of 2148 Applegate rounded out the day when they received a son, 8 pounds 7½ ounces.

### Groom-To-Be In Tight Spot

PASSAIC, N. J., Feb. 14 (AP)—Today is Valentine's Day, and Victor Winkler wrote a holiday story for his paper.

He observed, under his byline in the Passaic Herald-News, that Valentine's Day is a trap for unwary males. He said that Leap Year and Friday the Thirteenth, just past, made this Valentine's Day "more dangerous."

The society page of the same paper announced the engagement of Mr. Victor Winkler to Miss Gertrude Okis of Little Falls.

Winkler pondered his explanation to Miss Okis.