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Precipitation last 24 hours 0.02
Stream year to date 6.61
Last year 5.36 Normal 7.49
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Here Are Just Some Of Them For Klamath County Sheriff



In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
The Nanking Official Daily News (serving presumably as spokesman for the Chiang government) says China may resort to BARTER to get enough rice to keep Chinese alive.
Why?
Well, her money is no good, so she had to swap things for things. Plans are said to be afoot to trade soybeans, bristles, tung oil and tea for rice.
Barter is the last step in the inflationary process. Remember Germany after the last war? After her money went completely worthless and it took a wheelbarrow of marks to buy a postage stamp, Germany traded things for things all over the world.
She did it for years.

HISTORY tells us that always after great wars the value of money goes down.
Ancient Rome's earliest money was copper. The unit was known as an "as." An "as" represented a pound of copper. The Romans of that day were thrifty and practical. If, for any reason, they couldn't find anything else to do with their copper money, they could mix tin with it and hammer it into bronze swords, or hatchets or what have you. So they couldn't be stuck with worthless cash.

Everything was lovely and the good luck high until the First Punic War came along—some two dozen centuries ago. The war cost more than anybody expected, as wars always do. The top brass got worried about taxes, fearing that if they taxed too heavily the citizens would go to the warpath.

So they did what ALL GOVERNMENTS SINCE HAVE DONE in similar circumstances. They devalued the currency. They cut the "as" from a full honest pound of copper to only two ounces. Their reasoning was politically logical. Using only two ounces per "as" they could make a lot more "asses" out of a pound.

THE pattern they set has been followed ever since.
There have been minor variations, of course. Printed paper money was invented. After that, all governments had to do was start the printing presses. No three-time monkeying with heavy chunks of copper. Just set the presses to whirring.
Back at the beginning, people looked at it and marveled. "Who'd have believed it!" they said to each other admiringly. "Ain't progress wonderful?"

THE scheme had another merit. After long periods of peace, during which they charged it at the store, borrowed from the bank and otherwise encumbered themselves, the Roman people would begin to run short of cash. They'd grumble. (Continued on Page 2, Column 3)

Proposition Made By National Guard To Take Over Klamath Armory For 50 Years

A proposition that the national guard take over the Klamath Falls armory, lock, stock and barrel, on a 50-year lease at \$1 a year was made to members of the armory commission yesterday afternoon by a group of officers representing the guard.
At present the national guard is occupying two wings of the building for a maximum rental of \$100 a month, and by taking over that part of the building is forcing the YMCA out.
Foreseeing that the armory situation might become a controversial issue, coupled with the fact that he is a candidate for re-election as county treasurer, Carl Langseth today submitted his resignation as treasurer of the armory commission, effective immediately.
The armory was built in 1935 for about \$94,000 in tax money put up by the city and county, plus another 30 per cent or thereabouts contributed by the federal government in a New Deal building program. Even though it is somewhat run-down

now it is worth an estimated \$150,000 on today's market.
It was constructed for the twin purpose of military use and civic use, as a community auditorium.
For several years the building did not return enough in rentals to pay for its upkeep, had to be subsidized by the city and county. But since 1944 it has been paying its way and making a little money.
However, in the immediate future there probably will have to be a considerable outlay for repairs.
The national guard's proposition is to take over the operation, maintenance and repair of the building for 50 years, at a nominal fee of \$1 a year, and to return the building to the city and county at the end of 50 years.
It could be used as a base for present and future national guard detachments, but also would be rented out for dances, fights and other uses when the schedule did not conflict with that of the guard.
The national guard would take all proceeds from such outside rentals.
There is a feeling among members of the armory commission that it can't legally lease the publicly-owned building on a long-time deal and there has been a suggestion that the matter of whether to lease or not be referred to the voters on the May 21 primary ballot.
The armory commission, city council and county court is expected to get together for a decision.

Lab Accident Fatal To Two
PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 19 (AP)—Two persons were reported near death and three others slightly injured today as a result of a storage tank failure which flooded Princeton University's Prick chemical laboratory with hydrogen sulfide.
A police reporter earlier had listed the two men as dead. Both were employed by Princeton university as laboratory maintenance men and were overcome while refilling the tank for use in a class demonstration.
They were John Regan, 49, and Harold L. Sutphen, 26, both of Princeton. The three others were overcome attempting to pull the two maintenance men from the gas-filled storage room.
All three, James G. Atfleck III of Larchmont, N. Y., George Gorin of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Parley F. Tolson of Princeton, were resting comfortably at a hospital. Doctors there said the three were revived without difficulty. Both Atfleck and Gorin are graduate students at Princeton.

Correct Time Calls Mount

Anyone who thinks the telephone operator's job is an easy one, lend an ear to this:
Since The California-Oregon Power company's difficulty with curtailment of power from the south, electric clocks have been pulling some fancy capers, and telephone operators were the first to know about it.
Normally, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company operators have from 300 to 400 calls daily for the correct time. Since the power shortage when electric clocks began losing something like six minutes a day, operators have been getting an average of 1000 more "correct time" calls daily.
The man who keeps the telephone company's clock ticking away on time probably has his troubles, too.

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But after repairs were made—jackpot! All the money due plopped out at once. Anyone around at the moment played "finders keepers."

U.S. Bans Molotov Talk

BERLIN, Feb. 19 (AP)—A poster bearing part of a speech by V. M. Molotov was banned today in the American sector of Berlin. It was called "an insult to the United States."
In the speech, delivered at the London meeting of the foreign ministers conference, the Soviet foreign minister accused the United States of seeking "to enslave Germany and Europe through dollar diplomacy."
The Russians demanded lifting of the ban. In the allied commandantur they charged that it represented a "tactless and unfriendly act" against the No. 2 man in the Soviet government. They argued "it certainly will not contribute toward strengthening mutual understanding among the occupying power in Berlin."
Louis F. Glaser, chief of civil affairs in the American military government, said he rejected a Russian argument that the ban was unwarranted because Molotov's remarks had been printed in German newspapers.
"I told them," Glaser said, "that the military government cannot give its sanction to the posting of an insult to the United States in the American sector of the city."

Prison Blast Plan Foiled

FAIRBURN, Ga., Feb. 19 (AP)—Nine prisoners were foiled in an attempt to blast their way out of a stone-walled prison here with dynamite dug smuggled in their shoes. Warden M. F. Tyree reported last night. One prisoner was wounded by gunfire, said the warden. He said the escape attempt was made at 6:50 a. m. Wednesday.
Tyree said the wounded man was Cornelius Thomas, negro, serving 60 years for robbery.
The warden said the explosion in a concrete barracks housing about 100 negro prisoners blew out 10 windows, shook the prison courtyard and hurled fragments of the door 150 feet.
The prisoners had been working in a stone quarry, Tyree said, and he believed they had shaken the dynamite dust into their shoes. The dust passed as dirt upon inspection, he said.
One of the men, Tyree continued, was believed to have smuggled the dynamite cap into the barracks in his mouth. Only a short fuse was used.

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Late Spud Bulletin

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19 (AP)—Potatoes, 15 broken, 20 unbroken cars on track; arrivals, California 2, Florida 3, Nevada 2, Oregon 5, Wyoming 1; Idaho 1; market about steady; few sales; Klamath russets No. 1-A, \$6.00; No. 1 1/2 ounce minimum, \$6.50.

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He was dressed for the part. Loop of gold braid adorned both shoulders. Air force service patches blossomed on his sleeves. Two rows of vari-colored ribbons illuminated his chest. Upon his jaunty cap were two circles of officer's braid and silver bars.
But a U. S. army chaplain, A. D. Mann lifted an eyebrow and telephoned ahead. Awaiting the super pilot's triumphant arrival were two frowning MPs.
They booked him for impersonating an officer.
The rocket pilot extraordinary admitted then that he was Takeshi Takahashi—just an unemployed cook's helper from the Iiami air base, near Osaka.

Chinese Aid 'Too Little'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—President Truman's plan to give China a \$500,000,000 economic shot in the arm raised a cry of "too little and too late in congress today.
Senator Bridges (R-N.H.) said the civil strife in China has passed the point where "mere economic help" will be enough.
"We should furnish military supplies to enable the nationalist government of Chiang Kai-shek) to use the equipment we have already given them," the New Hampshire lawmaker told a reporter. He added: "The expenditure of many billion dollars to halt the spread of communist forces in Europe makes little sense if at the same time this government allowed China to go to the communists by default."
Bridges is chairman of the senate appropriations committee which will have a big say over how much money China is to get and how it is to be spent.

Spuds Bring Record Price

A record price of \$5.77 per one hundred pounds was paid for spuds this week by the San Francisco brokerage firm of Bishop and Kahn.
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Secondary price for No. 2 potatoes was \$4.22. Haskins had 12 carloads in storage. The scale was by sealed bid opened at the bank in Merrill.

'Ball Of Fire' Blast High In Air Baffles Meteorologists, Observers

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 19 (AP)—Observers today sought further explanation of a strange "ball of fire," possibly a disintegrating meteor, seen in six states.
The brilliant explosion thousands of feet in the air was observed in Kansas, Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Colorado yesterday.
Oscar Moning, secretary of the National Meteorological society, said at Fort Worth, Tex., he felt sure the fire ball was a meteor disintegrating.
Officials of the Chamberlin observatory at the University of Denver, however, could offer no explanation. Director A. W. Reicht said there was "no meteor shower and no other known phenomena in the sky to explain it."
After the flash civil aeronautic and state highway patrol officials received reports of flaming plane crashes from widely scattered points. All reports proved groundless.
Newspaper offices also received numerous calls from observers. C. L. Jacoby, editor of the Norton (Kas.) Daily Telegram, said a number of callers asked excitedly if an atomic bomb had exploded. The explosion, Jacoby reported, rattled windows in a 35-mile area in Northwest Kansas.
A large white cloud was visible in the sky for an hour after the flash, some observers reported.

High Bids Hold Off Jail Start

The city-county jail project has been put off for a year.
All bids on the construction of the proposed building were rejected by the jail commission late yesterday as being too high. They exceeded available funds by something around \$150,000.
After opening and studying the bids, the commission decided to reject them, postpone construction for a year, and ask the county court and city council to consider means of increasing the jail fund to \$380,000 if they want the job done.

Football Stars Star In Cooking While Girls Saw

SEASIDE, Feb. 19 (AP)—"Your cookies have a more delicate texture than mine," said the 180-pound football star to his bristle-chinned friend.
Thoughtfully, he munched a tiny heart-shaped pastry smeared with pink frosting. "I must have put in a pinch too much baking powder," he decided earnestly.
In another classroom at Seaside high school—where everything's topsy-turvy this week—a fragile little blonde shouldered a block of mahogany and complained, "I'm always last in line to use the hand-saw!"
For two weeks, boys from woodworking classes will be wearing aprons in the domestic science kitchen and girls will be manufacturing cedar chests, skirt hangers, bookends and brassware. One enterprising miss is at work on a nuttlewood rolling pin.
The experiment was dreamed up by Miss Elise Kiesel, domestic science teacher, and John Davidson, shop instructor. Their students think it's a "fine idea."

Steel Prices Boosted Today

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (AP)—The Carnegie-Illinois Steel corporation today advanced the price of semi-finished steel the equivalent of \$4.89 for forging grades and \$4.82 for rolling grades.
A spokesman for the U. S. Steel corporation, subsidiary said the price of forging grade blooms, billets and slabs advanced from \$55 per gross ton to \$54 per net ton. The price of rolling grades were changed from \$45 per gross ton to \$45 per net ton.
National Steel corporation sources in Pittsburgh said their firm would not be affected by the price jumps.
In Philadelphia, Bethlehem Steel company, second largest steel producer in the country, announced an increase in semi-finished steel at \$5 a net ton for forging blooms, billets and slabs, FOB Buffalo. Previous quotation was \$55 per gross ton.
The gross ton totals 2240 pounds and the net ton 2000 pounds.

Rent Curb Bill Pushed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—A bill to continue rent controls for one month—through March 31—moved a step today toward passage by the house.
The house rules committee cleared it to the house. That means the house members will be allowed to vote on it next week.
Present rent control laws will expire Sunday after next unless congress renews them.
The senate banking committee has recommended a 14-months rent control extension but the senate itself has not acted. The senate may take up its measure tomorrow.
After the senate and the house act on their separate bills, they are expected to compromise on an extension of more than 30 days but less than 14 months.

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Bus Line Strike In West Seen

SEATTLE, Feb. 19 (AP)—Possibility of a strike by members of the AFL-Motor Coach & Employees union against the Northwest Greyhound Line, Inc., appeared nearer today.
Wage negotiations between the union and the company were recessed yesterday.
Harold Oathes of Portland said the union has made no decision as to what action it will take. The union, however, has empowered its negotiating committee to call a strike in support of its demands.
The company operates bus lines in Washington, Idaho and Montana.

Color Line Issue Splits Party Again

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—The democratic national committee raised an out and out distress signal today in the face of the Henry A. Wallace third party drive.
Chairman J. Howard McGrath said he hopes Wallace will "realize" that he can accomplish nothing but "the defeat of the democratic party's program of practical liberalism in 1948."
McGrath virtually appealed for abandonment of the Wallace campaign in a radio speech last night.
Danger Signal
The address followed McGrath's frank admission that the victory of a Wallace-backed candidate in Tuesday's New York congressional election is a big danger sign for the democrats.
In the New York race, Leo Isaacson, running as an American labor party candidate with Wallace's support, upset democrat Karl Propoy by a wide margin.
Wallace, on a speech-making tour of the south, gave no indication that he plans to heed any call to "come home, all is forgiven."
Instead he announced at Miami Beach that his supporters have obtained 464,000 signatures on a petition to put his name on the primary election ballot in California. Franklin D. Roosevelt carried the state by only about 475,000 votes in 1944.
Meanwhile the row between national democratic leaders and party members in the "solid south" flared up again in Washington.
A group of southerners cancelled their reservations for the big \$100-a-plate Jefferson-Jackson dinners tonight where prominent democrats will rally around President Truman.
The issue was one which has brought a chorus of rebel yells from south of the Mason-Dixon line in recent weeks: The color line.
Mrs. Olin D. Johnston, wife of the South Carolina senator, said (Continued on Page 2, Column 3)

Food Prices Slide Down

CHICAGO, Feb. 19 (AP)—Retail food prices are continuing their downward slide over the nation, the National Association of Retail Grocers reported today.
The association said it had made a second telegraphic survey of important food commodities in independent stores for the week of February 17-24 and found these new cuts in prices:
Bacon, 4 to 20 cents a pound.
Butter, 3 to 14 cents.
Eggs, 1 to 2 cents.
Pork chops, 4 to 10 cents.
Ground round steak, 5 to 10 cents.
Flour (5-pound bags) down 5 to 8 cents.
Lard, 4 to 10 cents.
Vegetable shortening, 3 to 4 cents.
Margarine, 2 to 3 cents.
Sugar (5-pound lots) 1 1/2 cents to 4 cents.
Prices remained steady on the one-pound loaf of white bread, potatoes and evaporated milk, the survey showed. In a few cities eggs and pork chops also remained steady but most showed a drop.

Solons Demand Grain Ration

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—A senate banking subcommittee voted 4 to 0 today for rationing grain to whisky makers through October 31.
The subcommittee recommended that the liquor industry be allotted not less than 2,500,000 bushels of grain a month.
An agriculture department official said the industry now is using 6,200,000 bushels a month.
President Truman has asked that grain controls be put back on. They expired January 31.

Easter Trial To Be Continued

The criminal trial of William Jackson Easter, supposed to begin today in circuit court, has been continued until April 5 at the request of Easter's attorneys, U. S. Balentine and R. P. McLane.
Easter is under indictment for assault with a dangerous weapon in connection with a gunshot wound received by Dick Gaskins at Easter's California avenue store last December.
He is free on bail and reported ill at his home.

Quake Felt At Eureka

EUREKA, Calif., Feb. 19 (AP)—A sharp earthquake was felt here at 12:26 a. m. today. It continued for almost a minute on the record. There was no damage reported.
J. J. Bogudna, seismologist at nearby Ferrisdale, said the quake centered 50 miles offshore from Cape Mendocino. It was an east-west movement.

School District Boundary Election Set February 26

A school election for authorization of boundary adjustments between Klamath Union high school district No. 2 and the county unit district has been called for February 26.
School officials said that the vote does not involve any special levy or other financial authorization, but is merely for the purpose of making certain boundary changes to conform to conditions that have developed with population changes in the area. The election was called by the county boundary board after the adjustments were worked out between boards of the two districts. The necessary petitions were filed by residents of the areas affected.
It was pointed out that some of the suburban areas near Klamath Falls have increased in population to the extent that it seems advisable to make the boundary adjustments, so that students may legally attend the schools which logically attract them by reason of proximity, etc.
For instance, the Lakeshore drive and Stewart-Lenox areas are now within the boundaries of the county school district. Students from those areas, however, are attending Klamath Union high school, rather than Henley school, which is the nearest county district high school.
On the other hand, there are a number of high school students residing in an area south of the municipal airport which is in the KUHS district, but who prefer to attend Henley school, only a short distance away.
These are the two major areas involved. It is proposed that the area south of the airport be annexed to the county school district, and that embracing Lakeshore drive and Stewart-Lenox be added to the KUHS district.
For similar reasons, it is proposed that two other smaller areas be added to the county school district, and another two areas be added to KUHS district.
Bus transportation costs, accounting costs between the two districts, and the convenience of high school students involved, led to the decision to call the election, it was stated.
The voting will take place between 2 and 7 p. m. on February 26 (next Thursday) at the following places:
Klamath Union high school (for voters in KUHS district.)
Shasta school.
Lakeshore Gardens nursery.
E. N. Alt residence on the Midland road.
Voters must have property qualifications and reside in the district affected. All of the qualified voters in KUHS district and the county unit district may participate in this election.

Chileans Invade 'Land Of Tomorrow,' Set Up Bases

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK
SANTIAGO, Chile, Feb. 19 (AP)—Chilean President Gabriel Gonzalez Videla headed home today after formally setting up two military bases in disputed Antarctic territory—which he called a "Land of Tomorrow."
The bases were established at Chilean weather stations in defiance of long-time British claims, recently reiterated.
Gonzalez inaugurated the first on Tuesday at the weather station at Port Sovereignty on Greenwich island in the South Shetlands, some 800 miles south of the southern tip of South America.
He dedicated the second yesterday at another weather station, 60 miles to the south, on a peninsula of the Antarctic continent known to Chile as O'Higgins Land and to Great Britain as Graham Land. Bernardo O'Higgins, a Chilean patriot of Irish extraction, was the first chief of state of independent Chile.
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