

RANCHER UP FOR LEGISLATURE

WEATHER
Max. Feb. 20, 47. Min. 8.14
Precipitation last 24 hours, 0.14
Stream flow to date, 0.73
Last year, 5.30. Normal, 1.49
Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight,
rain Sunday.

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Announces



Ed Geary Files For Salem Post; Overeem Quits

Announcement of Ed Geary, Klamath rancher, that he would seek the republican nomination as state representative, plus a two-way switch in the county clerk's office situation were the highlights of today's political news on the local scene.

Geary becomes the third republican to declare for the legislature from Klamath county, guaranteeing a contest in the May 21 primary since only two candidates for either party can be nominated. He is a member of a prominent Oregon family and a very successful Klamath area rancher. Geary is making his first move toward elective public office.

The other two republicans in the legislative race are Carl Steinsieffer and Mayor Ed Ostendorf.

Mrs. Rose Poole, present legislator, is ready to step out of the office and told friends today she definitely would not seek re-election. She had been on the fence about announcing again before Geary became a candidate.

This morning C. C. Overeem, democrat who was the first person to make an official filing for local office several weeks ago, withdrew his candidacy for county clerk and Charlie DeLap, present clerk, immediately put in his application for the republican nomination. DeLap therefore is unopposed in either party as yet.

Overeem said that a state law prohibits civil service employees from holding state jobs while running for remunerative public office. He is warehouse superintendent at Oregon Vocational school.

No Sheriffs

No more candidates for sheriff appeared today, but there are already 10 of them—seven republicans and three democrats. R. A. (Smiley) LaLonde, democrat, was the latest.

Douglas McKay of Salem, sole official republican candidate for governor, was in town Thursday and Friday but insisted his trip was not political. McKay is a member of a legislative interim committee on highways and Thursday attended a hearing at Medford. He said he came to Klamath Falls in order to try out the Greensprings highway, against which many protests have been made to the highway committee.

McKay is due to be back in March on a purely political trip.

Hall To Visit

Also scheduled for another visit to the Klamath country is Governor John Hall, who has not officially declared himself a candidate for the republican nomination. Hall is to address a joint meeting of the Klamath County chamber of commerce and Lions club next Tuesday noon.

The governor will be accompanied by Earl T. Newberry, Ashland, secretary of state. Clarence A. Humble, district attorney, will be chairman of the day for the luncheon meeting. Governor Hall was here on a visit last week.

Wild Action Prevalent During County Tournament



Here is some of the action in the county basketball tournament picked up by the camera during games yesterday afternoon and this morning. Top picture shows a loose ball ending Cliff McKoen (7) of Malin, Dave Brader (24) and Jim Van Tassel (23), both of Gilchrist. The Grizzlies won the game. Lower shot is a Chiloquin player, Gieger (7), going up after a rebound while Noble (3) of Bonanza waits to see if he misses it.

Grain Prices Pull Out Of Slow Decline; Food Price Down By Over 3 Per Cent

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (AP)—Grain prices pulled out of a slow decline near the close today and went ahead of the previous day by one to two cents a bushel. Cotton and other commodities were narrow and mixed.

Stocks at New York closed a little higher but volume was extremely slim, reflecting in part the approaching long week-end. Markets will be closed Monday in observance of Washington's birthday.

Hogs, cattle and lambs held nominally steady in Chicago's big market.

No retail price changes of importance came to light as the retailers tried to appraise the effect of the February 4 crack in primary markets.

Trading in stocks was almost at a standstill.

Big Break

The big break in the commodity markets has reduced retail food prices an average of 3 1/2 per cent from January highs. Other cost-of-living items either clung to post-war peaks or headed upward.

This was the picture presented by the government's bureau of labor statistics in its first official report on the effect of the market slump on retail prices.

The government study covered 20 foods in 12 cities. It represented a cross section picture of grocery and meat prices between the highs of mid-January and February 17.

The big break in commodity prices began February 4.

The BLS report stated 13 of the 20 foods showed declines. Five showed increases. Two—bread and navy beans—showed no change.

The government bureau found the biggest drops in pork chops, lard, bacon, eggs and lettuce. Prices from fresh fruits and vegetables rose, the report said.

Price cuts have differed widely between cities and between stores in the same city. Some independent grocers said they cut some prices to meet chain store competition, regardless of profit margins.

Washington buzzed with strongly-worded criticism of Thursday's \$5 a ton boost in steel prices.

Dangerous Burden

Senator J. Howard McGrath (D-R. I.), chairman of the democratic national committee, called it a "dangerous burden" on the cost of living.

But in Cleveland, Charles M. White, president of the Republic Steel, said steel prices "are not high enough."

Separate surveys showed buyers' resistance was building up. A steady gain in the nation's retail sales has let up a bit.

And last night the department of agriculture at Washington attributed the price break in commodity markets to these things:

"Prices had come too high in view of remaining supplies and in view of the fact that export purchases were largely out of the way."

Action of congress requiring a crop year-end reserve of 150,000,000 bushels of wheat, which is almost double that of a year ago.

Feeding of wheat so far this crop year has been lighter than had been expected.

Market prices of grains were so high as to discourage feeding to livestock.

January weather was favorable to the winter wheat crop, thus indicating a possible good crop which would help ease the shortage.

Marked improvement in crop prospects in other parts of the world.

Demo Rebels Told To Wait

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—Senator Byrd of Virginia gave the democratic party's Dixie rebels this advice today:

Hold your fire—but keep your powder dry.

Byrd told a reporter he wants the South to be sure where it is going before it cuts long-standing political ties in the argument over President Truman's civil rights proposals.

"We must make a calm, deliberate decision, on the basis of events as they happen and then be prepared to go through with it to the end," he said.

Byrd told a party gathering at Richmond, Va., Friday night that the South won't stand for laws setting up a fair employment practices (no race or color line) commission, making lynching a federal offense and banning poll taxes and race separation.

But he added that it would be time enough to decide what to do if southerners should lose their fight against enactment of such legislation by congress.

Several house members from 11 southern states have adopted a resolution condemning the president's program. They will confer with five southern governors here Monday.

Storm Hits Crater Lake

A storm was raging in Crater Lake national park today and unless the storm abates skiing will be poor tomorrow, rangers reported. Lines into the park were broken by high winds and the report was relayed by the Fort Klamath telephone operator.

Some 20 inches of new snow had fallen in the night, making a total for the week of 37 1/2 inches with 113 inches on the ground. The snow is heavy and packing, rangers advised. Total fall for February to date has been 102 inches with the normal for the month at 83.8 inches.

Roads are open but not in "too good shape" the park office said. Chains are necessary and may have to be applied before reaching the park boundary.

Snow anticipated here last night failed to materialize despite the forecast of the weatherman. Rain fell instead, and it rained throughout the morning.

Heavy rains in the valleys and snow in mountain passes were reported by the state highway department today.

Basin Power Still Shaky

The power situation in the Klamath basin remains still critical and it is possible that at any time mill operations here will have to return to the 50 per cent power supply, repeating the situation which existed from February 3 to 10.

This was the warning issued today by Sam Richey, district manager of The California Oregon Power company, who said that throughout the entire week the situation has been "nip and tuck."

For one week early this month, mills were restricted in their supply when the transmission lines from the south, operated by the Pacific Gas and Electric company, failed to transmit power to Copco. Direct cause was given as drought conditions in California and the situation has been only partially alleviated.

PGE Power

When Copco again received a supply of power from PG and E, it was not what power company men term "with a safe margin," in other words, demands were high with relation to the generating capacity and voltage was not maintained up to normal.

In a statement issued today, A. S. Cummins, president of Copco, announced that while power supply conditions were slightly better than a week ago lack of rain in California still constitutes a serious threat of continued shortages.

In answer to queries as to why a water shortage in California adversely affects Copco operations, he stated that his company had been exchanging power with the PG and E for years and until recently most of the flow had been from north to south. During the past year, however, due to increased demands in Southern Oregon the trend has been largely reversed and Copco has been purchasing power from the California company. He said that this is a normal practice between utility companies carried out to assure the most economical use of facilities and water supplies. It permits the most effective planning and is in the public interest.

Malin, Bly Ousted From Hoop Party

Consolation semi-finals of the Klamath county high school basketball tournament played in the KUIS gymnasium saw the Gilchrist Grizzlies beat the Malin Mustangs 27 to 22 in a hard-fought, low-scoring contest, and the Bonanza Antlers drubbed Bly 37 to 24.

Bly and Malin drop out of the tourney, while Gilchrist and Bonanza meet tonight at 7:30 for consolation laurels. The main event tonight—game which will determine the county championship—puts the Sacred Heart Trojans against the Chiloquin Panthers.

Sacred Heart has been the surprise of the tourney to date, while Gilchrist was the early favorite.

In the morning's first game the green-clad Grizzlies led 6-3 at the end of the first quarter and 12-7 at halftime. Neither team could hit the target with any regularity.

Malin Rally

Malin staged a little rally in the third period to pull up to 16-15 but in the fourth Gilchrist gradually edged away. John Reid of Gilchrist had 10 points. Dave Anderson eight for the Grizzlies. Phil Anderson of Malin was high for the Mustangs at seven.

The second game saw Bonanza outplay the unfortunate Bly Loggers, leading 5-1 at the end of the first period and 17-9 at halftime. Dennis Davis, Bonanza's stellar center who probably will be an all-conference selection, scored 17 points. Bill King of Bly had seven.

No games are being played this afternoon and the tournament will end with tonight's contests. The all-county team selections are to be announced during the final game.

Eagle Pounces On 4-Year-Old

CARLSBAD, N. M., Feb. 21 (AP)—A pair of pliers and a bed slat were weapons used by a Carlsbad couple to save their four-year-old son from an eagle's clutches.

The mother, Mrs. C. J. Reinhart, told it this way:

The child was playing in the yard while she hung out a wash. Suddenly, the big bird appeared in the yard. It hopped toward the child and dug its talons into her son's head.

For a minute she pulled in vain at the eagle's legs, then ran to the house.

Returning with a pair of pliers, she jerked the talons free, snatched up her son and rushed him to a doctor. Three talons had pierced the child's skin.

In the meantime, her husband had returned home. Reinhart beat the bird to death with a bed slat.

Examination of the bird showed its tail feathers had been pulled out. Reinhart said he understood it had been captured in nearby mountains and had escaped from its cage. The name of the owner has not been determined.

Stassen In State Primary

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 21 (AP)—Harold E. Stassen today entered the Oregon republican presidential primary against Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York.

He filed by declaration in the office of the deputy secretary of state in charge of elections.

Dewey's name was entered last month by petition.

Stassen conferred with party leaders last night at Eugene, where he spoke at a meeting of newspaper editors and publishers, and flew here this morning.

Stassen is now on a four-day tour of Oregon. He arrived here yesterday, spoke at Willamette university, then made brief talks on a hand-shaking trip through small towns en route to Eugene. He visited with Scio townspeople while drinking coffee, received a membership in the Santiam Fish and Game association and ate strawberry shortcake at Lebanon and gave autographs at Stayton and Sweet Home.

At Eugene he spoke at a meeting of Oregon newspaper editors and publishers, assailing the section of the Taft-Hartley law restricting union political activity as a "serious invasion of freedom."

Riley Gets Death Threat

PORTLAND, Feb. 21 (AP)—An assassination threat against Mayor Earl Riley was reported today by police who said they believed it was the work of a crank.

The threat was made in a 4 a. m. telephone call to a newspaper. Police were sent to the mayor's home.

Riley said he wasn't disturbed at "this isn't the first time I've received a threat."

The mayor has been in the center of a controversy raging all week since a City club committee reported that vice and gambling interests operate in Portland under police protection. The club membership yesterday approved the report but directed its committee to amend it by naming names. The mayor told the City club the charges were unfounded.



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It Ain't True, Says Alabama

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 21 (AP)—No matter who says so, it is still illegal for a man to beat his wife with a stick in Alabama, Attorney General A. C. Carmichael said yesterday.

If he does, said the attorney general, he subjects himself to prosecution under the law and also gives grounds for divorce.

Carmichael's statement came in reply to an assertion made by a substitute Soviet delegate before the United Nations economic and social council, A. P. Borisov.

Borisov told the social committee of the council that in Alabama it is legal for a husband to beat his wife with a stick—if the stick is less than two inches thick.

Snorted Carmichael, "entirely erroneous and false."

Steel Boost Probe Asked

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—Top leaders of the steel industry will be called before a joint congressional economic committee next Thursday to explain a general \$5 a ton boost in steel prices.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio) said this decision was reached "unanimously" today at a closed session of the senate-house economic committee of which he is chairman.

"We voted to invite two or three typical steel leaders in here to explain the recent rise in steel prices," Taft told reporters. "It will be a preliminary discussion to decide if we want to go into this further."

Taft said there had been "some discussion" of the boost in basic steel prices before the economic group today.

He said the witnesses probably will be representatives of "U. S. Steel, Little Steel and the independents."

Taft said the steel price inquiry will be open to the public.

Earlier Senator Ball (R-Minn.) had suggested that Attorney General Clark should look into the steel price boost.

More Photogenic Candidates For Sheriff



A few days ago The Herald and News ran the pictures of six candidates for the job of county sheriff and since that time has accumulated photos of the remaining four. No new candidates came into the crowded race today.

30-Day Rent Curb Okayed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—A 30-day extension of rent controls was agreed on today by senate and house republican leaders. The present controls are due to expire February 29.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio) told reporters the senate will be asked to act late next week on a 30-day extension bill the house is expected to pass Tuesday.

The extension would allow both chambers time to decide whether to continue controls, for how long and in what form. The senate now is debating a bill to continue controls 14 months with some changes from the present law.

Chairman Wolcott (R-N.J.) said his house banking committee will not consider until later the proposed 14-month extension bill. Taft said this may be approved by the senate Tuesday.

Because of this, Taft said it will be necessary for the senate to act on the 30-day extension, proposed by the house.

Taft said, however, that the senate will go ahead with the long-range measure in order to get it out of the way.

California Is Getting Greedy

EUGENE, Feb. 21 (AP)—California's at it again. Now they want Klamath Falls.

James R. Neil, Southern Pacific engineer, reported crossly that the California state tax department has just sent him a bill for 1942 income taxes.

Where was Neil in 1942? Working for the SP in Klamath Falls.

Battle Of The Bulge Pays Off For French--In Sheets

HEMROULLE, Belgium, Feb. 21 (AP)—The good people of Hemroulle got their bed sheets back today from the Americans.

Col. John Hanlon of Winchester, Mass., presented each of the 34 Hemroulle villagers with a pair of crisp new bed sheets in the name of his fellow townspeople.

It was a day of joy for this tiny, snow-covered hamlet three miles north of Bastogne. The church bells pealed, bugles sounded and the children waved Belgian and American flags.

This called it "Winchester Day." This is the story behind the celebration:

On Christmas Eve in 1944 Col. Hanlon, then a major commanding the first battalion of the 502nd parachute infantry, dropped out of the skies with his men onto the snow-covered fields surrounding Hemroulle.

It was during the critical Battle of the Bulge.

Hanlon went to the church and summoned the villagers by tolling the bell. He explained the Americans needed camouflage to hide them from the Germans.

The villagers went to their homes and returned with previous snow-white bed sheets. Hanlon promised the sheets would be returned.

Today Hanlon fulfilled his promise. He returned to the village and again summoned the villagers to the church by tolling the bell.

He presented each of the villagers with a pair of crisp, new bed sheets—the gift of the people of Winchester in appreciation for the generosity of the villagers of Hemroulle.

In addition more than 600 sheets were presented to the old people's home in Bastogne. All of the sheets were marked with the names of the Winchester donors.

Army Steps Up Dependent Flights

SEATTLE, Feb. 21 (AP)—The army port of embarkation has scheduled a new peak in flights of military dependents to Tokyo.

The POE listed 14 flights between today and March 9 with a total of 313 dependents. Five of the flights will carry maximum loads of 40 each.

The policy of flying the dependents was started recently because of shipping backlog.

Storm Warnings Hoisted Today

SEATTLE, Feb. 21 (AP)—Small craft warnings were changed to southeast storm warnings from Tootah to the mouth of the Columbia river at 6 o'clock last night.

Southeast storm warnings were hoisted from the Columbia to Cape Blanco, Ore., for strong to occasionally gale force southerly winds.

Small craft warnings were continued for 24 hours on the inland waters of Washington.

Lumber Workers Killed

GRAND RONDE, Feb. 21 (AP)—Two Grand Ronde lumber workers were killed yesterday by a dynamite charge they had set off to clear stumps.

The victims were Lloyd Weaver, 19, and Fred Moore, 49. Investigators said they went to inspect a charge that appeared not to be going off. As they approached, it did.