

In The  
Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
There's NEWS today.  
Big news—it's RAINING.  
Glory be!

Why is it big news?  
John B. Bogart, who was city editor of the New York Sun from 1873 to 1890, explained it this way: "When a dog bites a man, that is not news, because it happens so often. But if a man bites a dog, that IS news."  
Around these parts, rain hasn't been happening very often. Practically since the time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary thereof, the precipitation total for the stream year, which began last October 1, has stood at about 5.8 inches. That's hardly enough to see.

Continuing in the lyric vein—Back in May of the year 1901, Harper's Magazine printed a tilting little poem entitled April Rain. It was written by Robert Loveman, and it started off like this: "It is not raining rain to me, 'Tis raining daffodils: 'In every dimpled drop I see 'Wild flowers on the hills."

Here in the high desert, we can share Poet Loveman's vision of wild flowers on the hills. But, now that it is raining at last, we can see more than that.

We can see (in our mind's eye) lush fall pastures, with cattle wading around in grass maybe up to their knees.

We can see FILLED-UP WATER RESERVOIRS.

Over here in the high desert, water is GOLD. No placer miner ever valued the nuggets in the riffles any more highly than we value the liquid nuggets that fall from the sky when the elements are in a kindly mood.

Yesterday the world was less bright. If we sang at all, after seeing our monthly water bill, we were inclined to chant the ribald song that goes:

"Oh, 'tain't gonna rain no mo', no mo',  
"Oh, 'tain't gonna rain no mo',  
"And how in the heck  
"Can I wash my neck  
"If 'tain't gonna rain no mo'?"

Well—  
Today we can wash our necks.

Gamble Pays Off,  
But In Reverse  
For Klamath Man

A gamble paid off in reverse for James Cromwell Salyer, 27, in Klamath Falls Wednesday afternoon.

He parlayed a meter violation citation that would have cost 50 cents into a \$25 fine in municipal court Thursday.

Cromwell used a common and usually slick trick. He transferred a meter citation from his windshield to that of a car parked ahead between Fourth and Fifth streets on Main Street.

Meanwhile, inside a barbershop with a good view of the action sat police Sergeant John Kennard. He became attentive when he noticed someone placing a meter citation on his car.

Stepping outside, he spoke briefly to Salyer, informing him that he was an officer of the law. "I guess I've had it now," Salyer said.

HERO SEEKS DIVORCE

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — World War II Congressional Medal of Honor winner Gregory (Pappy) Boyington, 56, Wednesday filed for divorce against his wife of 13 years. The former Marine Corps pilot charged that his 40-year-old wife, Frances, caused him "grievous mental suffering."

Woman Swallows Mouse;  
Causes Much Commotion

DENVER (UPI) — A Denver woman who swallowed a live mouse last Friday said today she never would have gone to the hospital if she had known it would have caused so much "commotion."

Mrs. Florence Hill said she has been deluged with telephone calls and stacks of mail from all over the country, most of it wanting to know if the story were actually true.

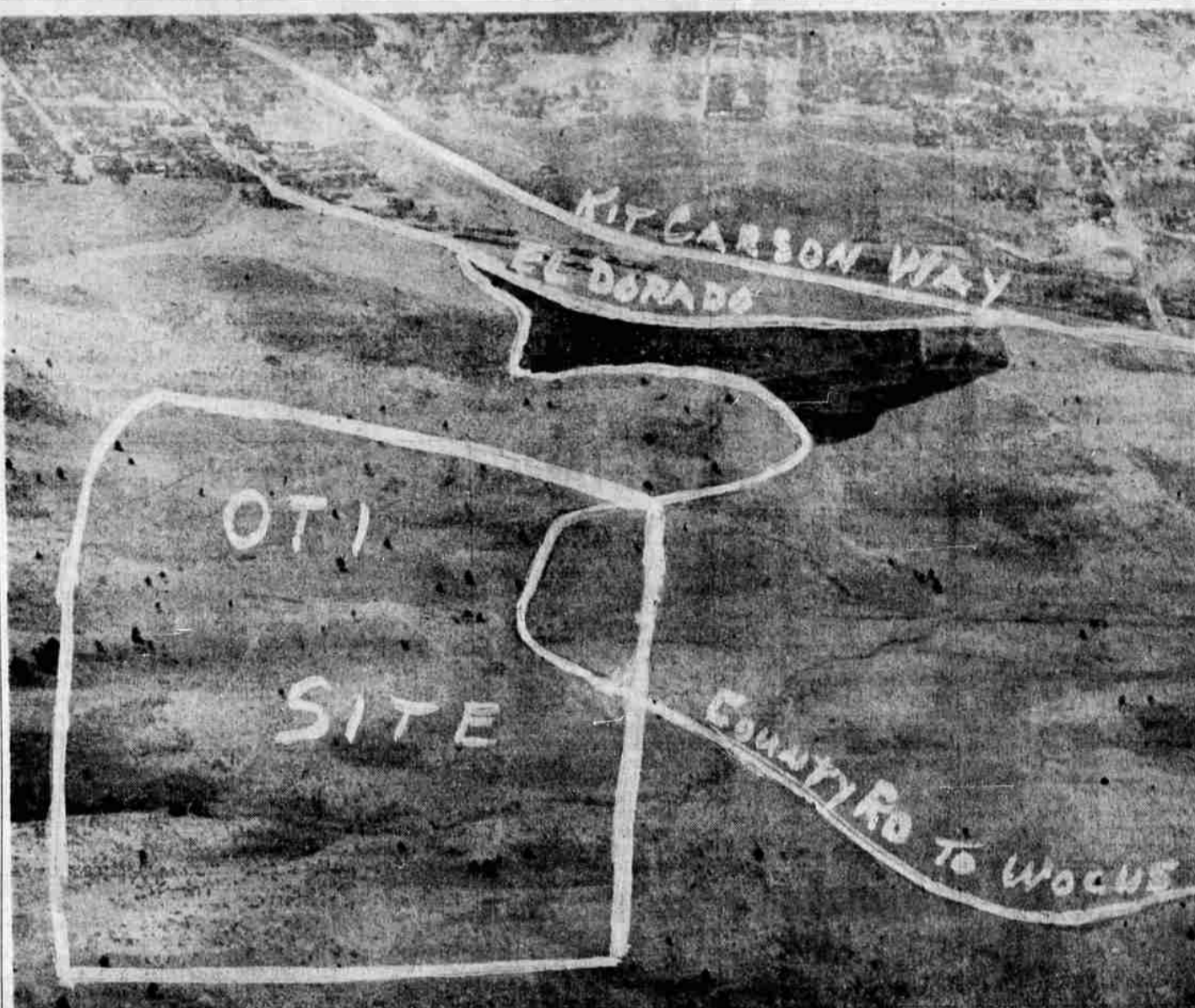
"If I were a young person, it might be different," she said indignantly "but a woman 67 years old isn't going to be telling lies like this."

BABY DROWNS IN WASHER

DUARTE, Calif. (UPI) — An 18-month-old girl drowned Wednesday after falling head first into an idle washing machine while her mother was hanging out the wash. Little Elsa Marie Barney was found in the machine among soaking clothes by her mother, Mrs. Patricia Barney, 28.

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FUTURE HOME of Oregon Technical Institute will be on this site adjacent to northern edge of city limits. The location has been agreed upon and negotiations for 150 acres of land have been completed. Vern Owens, chairman of the OTI New Site Fund, said the State Board of Higher Education, which must approve the site formally, "is really enthused" with the location.

Owens revitalized a site fund drive to collect \$16,940 still needed toward the \$40,000 cost. The land is over a hill from Kit Carson Way. At top left in this aerial photo looking south are Pacific Terrace and Eldorado Boulevard; at top right Biehn Street leaves the highway and heads south toward Oregon Avenue.

## Southwest Montana Jolted By Tremors

WEST YELLOWSTONE, Mont. (AP)—Three light tremors jolted the southwestern Montana earthquake area Wednesday night and early today. There was no damage. The shocks awakened residents.

The shocks, coupled with a driving rain, hampered efforts of searchers to renew the hunt for possible additional victims of the Monday night quake, which touched off major landslides.

The tremors were the latest in a series that has continued since the major shock and sent small landslides down the mountain slopes.

Ground parties, aided by skin divers, want to search above and below Hebgen Dam, hard hit in the Monday night shocks.

Searching crews are made up of men from the Civil Defense organization, sheriff's office, U.S. Forest Service and volunteers. They said they would not attempt to dig into the 50-million-ton landslide below Hebgen Dam until the comparatively slight tremors subside.

Bodies of eight quake victims have been recovered from the devastated mountains and canyons. Reports from survivors indicate the toll may rise to 12. They told of seeing a car with a man and a woman and a crippled boy buried by an avalanche.

A woman reported by Sheriff Donald Skerritt to be missing and presumed drowned was found alive Wednesday night. Grace Miller, about 60, whose lakeside home was washed away in a wave of water propelled by a landslide, had walked 15 miles to a ranch.

Coroner Charles E. Raper says he believes the body of Mrs. Thomas Stowe of Sandy, Utah, is in the Madison River. He reported the family car and her belongings have been found in the stream. Her husband was killed.

## Elephant Charges Crowd; Twenty Reported Killed

KANDY, Ceylon (AP)—A maddened temple elephant charged a crowd of 200,000 at a religious festival Wednesday night. Twenty persons were reported killed in the crush and thousands injured.

Several persons were reported missing. It was feared some had fallen or jumped into Kandy Lake nearby.

The elephant was one of more than 100 participating with dancers and drummers in an annual Buddhist pageant called Perahera.

The animal became infuriated when it stepped on burning coals which had dropped from a flaming torch. It wheeled about and charged, and the crowd ran screaming in panic, seeking shelter in nearby buildings, atop walls and in trees.

Two mahouts clung to the elephant's tail and trunk. They finally stopped it and chained it to a lamppost. But the noise of the surging crowd set the beast off again and it broke loose, smashing shop fronts and trampling obstacles in its path.

Police finally shot and killed the animal on the street.

The Perahera pageant centered on the Temple of the Holy Tooth, one of Buddhism's most sacred spots. The temple houses a tooth supposed to have come from the jaw of Buddha, who founded the religion 25 centuries ago.

The temple is in one of Kandy's business sectors, surrounded by shops and near the popular Queen's Hotel.

A similar incident occurred during a Buddhist procession five days ago near Colombo and 100 persons were injured.



KEEP OREGON GREEN

## Weather

Northern California — Considerable cloudiness through Friday with scattered thunderstorms in the high mountains. Possibly a few sprinkles or very light showers in valley and coastal areas. Little change in temperature. Coastal winds northwesterly 15-25 miles an hour.

Klamath Falls and vicinity — Occasional showers through tonight. Partly cloudy and warmer Friday. Low tonight 48-56; high Friday 70-75. High yesterday 71. Low last night 47. Precip. last 24 hours (to 5 p.m. Wednesday) 0. Since Oct. 1 5.82. Same period last year 19.57.

## Youth Admits Forest Arson

EUREKA, Calif. (UPI) — A youth confessed Wednesday night he set a forest fire that cost an estimated \$500,000 so he could get a job as a fire fighter.

Roy McGain Jr., 17, Orleans, son of a resort owner, told authorities he set the fire in an abandoned mine on his father's property Aug. 11. The fire spread over 2,700 acres of virgin timber in the Six Rivers National Forest and was not brought under control until Wednesday night.

McGain, held in the Humboldt County Detention Home here, made his confession to Deputy Sheriff Gus Fritz and Juvenile Officer Wendell Cyphers.

Within an hour after the fire began spreading McGain was hired as a member of one of the fire fighting crews. The men are paid \$1.77 an hour from the time they start until they return home.

Authorities estimated that the cost of putting out the fire was \$300,000 and approximately \$170,000 worth of timber was destroyed.

## Team Of Aviators Await Nose Cone

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP)—From out of the vast Pacific heavens, a small capsule dangling from a parachute was expected to drop slowly toward the ocean today.

And waiting in Hawaii was a team of fliers with a seemingly impossible assignment—to go out and try to catch it before it hit the water.

The capsule went aloft Wednesday, fixed in the nose of the Discoverer VI satellite, which is flashing around the earth once every 95 minutes in an egg-shaped, north-south orbit.

This afternoon, 26 hours after the launching, the capsule was to be kicked loose from the 19-foot satellite.

And, for the second time in less than a week, a squadron of Air Force C119 Flying Boxcars was set to take off from Hawaii and try to execute an almost incredible catch. Each plane was equipped with a recovery net—a trapeze-like affair.

The project is aimed at solving the re-entry problem—how to get a man in space and, once he's there, get him back.

Although the odds against success seem overwhelming, the Air Force hoped to have more than the highly remote chance of sighting the capsule during its descent. The capsule was equipped with a radio which was supposed to send signals, to give the recovery team an idea of its whereabouts.

Such a recovery was planned following the successful launching of Discoverer V last week. But the radio in the falling capsule evidently broke down. Nobody got a signal from it. The capsule, presumably, tumbled into the sea.

Discoverer VI is expected to remain in orbit at least a month. It comes within 138 miles of earth at its closest approach and goes as far out as 537 miles.

Discoverer VI—78 feet long including its first stage—shot skyward from this West Coast missile base shortly after noon

Wednesday. The first stage, which fell away after a few minutes, was a Thor medium-range missile using a potent new kerosene fuel. The second stage was a 1,700-pound vehicle produced by Lockheed Aircraft Corp.

Lockheed and an Air Force official said after the launching:

"The successful orbiting of two Discoverer satellites in less than a week marks a tremendous forward step in the scientific study of space vehicles and their applications."

The Discoverer had no animals in its capsule. But the capsule is the type expected to carry monkeys aloft later in the tests.

## Bull Halsey To Be Buried In Arlington

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation today buries one of its great naval heroes, Fleet Adm. William F. Halsey.

Final military tribute was prepared for the pugnacious "Bull" Halsey, whose 3rd Fleet outfoxed the Japanese Admiralty and sank the best of its fighting ships in World War II.

His body lay, with honor guard, in Washington National Cathedral. It was brought here Wednesday from Fishers Island, N.Y., where he died Sunday. The retired admiral was 76.

Gathering for the Cathedral services and the burial in Arlington National Cemetery this afternoon were the chief civilian and military leaders of the Defense Department, government officials, many personal friends and some of those who served with Halsey in the great days of the mighty Pacific campaigns.

At the cemetery gate, the casket would be transferred to a horse drawn caisson. Troops from each of the military services awaited to march the final way with Halsey, with a Navy band measuring the slow pace and a cannon shot counting off each minute on the way to the gravesite.

There, on a hillside, the admiral would join in death his father and mother, Navy Capt. William F. Halsey Sr., and Mrs. Halsey are buried beside the place chosen for their famous son.

## Arid Basin Gets Relief As Rain Falls

Firemen in Klamath County were in high spirits Thursday over an unseasonably heavy storm that in an evening's time whisked away extreme fire danger and even dropped visible quantities of snow on high peaks.

By 8 a.m. parched Klamath Falls had soaked up an inch and a quarter of moisture—the first measurable amount to fall since spring and the first appreciable amount since winter.

Klamath Forest Protective Association celebrated the rainfall by again making available permits to travel closed areas. The permits will be offered at least until fire danger risks again to extreme. Fishermen, hunters, loggers—anyone who has a reason to use closed roads—can get them.

Lookouts on Calimus, Yainax and Shake Buttes recorded snowfalls ranging from a trace to an inch in depth.

The rain began in most areas in Klamath County about 8 p.m. Wednesday. Indications were that the storm touched a wide area, including all of Klamath County.

Firemen, expecting people to fire up oil stoves to break the chill, gave words of advice. Make sure oil has not seeped into the stoves during summer. It sometimes does.

When that happens, and a stove is lit, it sometimes explodes.

## Woman Swallows Mouse; Causes Much Commotion

"I would have been a little more strategic if I had wanted to stir up all the publicity I have been given."

The "publicity" started the day after her pet dog, Boots, awakened her from her sleep with his growling. She looked up and saw a two-inch mouse jumping around near her bed.

She said it was standing on top of her clock. She opened her mouth to scream and the mouse jumped in and wiggled its way down her throat.

The next day one of her friends persuaded her to go to Denver General Hospital.

Mrs. Hill said she stayed at the hospital for 12 hours. Doctors admitted they were amazed at her story but said they had no reason to doubt it. They kept her hospitalized but when she suffered no ill effects they sent her home.

The next day she said her telephone started ringing.

"I find the entire affair hideous and at the same time comical," the widow said, "but I never want to see another mouse again as long as I live."



A SONIC BOOM will be a part of the program scheduled for Kingsley Field on Roll-out Day Friday, August 21. Here is one of the F-101B Voodoos currently stationed at the field. 20 of these planes will stage flyovers during the day's activities, and one of them is slated to perform a

sonic boom, the shock felt when a supersonic plane moves beyond the speed of sound. The public is invited to the celebration which marks the official inauguration of the F-101's at Kingsley Field.

## New Supersonic Fighter To Be Introduced Friday

The formal "roll-out" ceremony and introduction of the F-101B Voodoo, McDonnell Aircraft Corporation's supersonic interceptor, to the public in the Klamath Basin will take place at Kingsley Field Friday, August 21, according to an announcement by Col. Jack W. Williams, Kingsley Field base commander.

The "roll-out" program is designed to acquaint the public in this area with the F-101B Voodoo, the newest version of the world's most powerful interceptor. It has the greatest combination of speed and long-range of any operational interceptor in the Air Defense Command.

Kingsley Field will hold an open house beginning at 1 p.m. with static displays of the F-101B Voodoo. The public is invited to inspect this all-weather fighter interceptor which recently replaced the battle-tried F-96L Sabrejets at Kingsley Field as part of the Air Defense Command's current program to improve and increase its arsenal of interceptor aircraft.

The F-101B Voodoo is a two-seat interceptor. Although performance

data on the Voodoo is classified, an earlier version, an F-101A is credited with speeds of more than 1,207 miles per hour.

Operating under all-weather conditions.

The following is the time schedule of events that will take place at Kingsley Field on Friday, August 21, 1953 in conjunction with the "roll-out" ceremony:

- 1:00 p.m. "Open House" - Kingsley Field open to the public.
- 1:15 p.m. Parade, review and presentations.
- 1:37 p.m. First flyby of 20 F-101B Voodoos.
- 1:42 p.m. Second flyby of 20 F-101B Voodoos.
- 2:15 p.m. Aerial demonstration begins.
- 2:45 p.m. Sonic boom demonstration.

ditions, the Voodoo has two primary missions—the identification of unknown aircraft, and their destruction.

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