

WEATHER
Highest Yesterday 56
Lowest Last Night 37
Cloudy, probably rain tonight and Friday.

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GEORGE NEUNER WILL GET APPOINTMENT

PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS ASK FOR FREEDOM

Liberty From Theological Dogma Urged in Signed Statement.

UNION IS DESIRED

Division and Disruption Threatened If Freedom of Teaching Is Not Permitted.

(Associated Press Lensed Wire.)
AUBURN, N. Y., Feb. 18.—A statement entitled "For France and Liberty," signed by 21 members of the correspondence committee, composed of Presbyterian ministers from many parts of the country, was issued today by Professor H. H. Nichols, of Auburn Theological Seminary, secretary of the committee. In giving it out Professor Nichols emphasized the fact that the statement was not a manifesto of any theological party, but an appeal for liberty within the Presbyterian Church for the holding of various forms of evangelical christian belief, and for subordination of theological differences to united work for the world. The statement and the names of the signers are as follows:

In view of recent acts which are disturbing the peace of our church and threatening the liberties of its office bearers, we, the undersigned ministers, make this statement to the thousands of our brethren who may not know all the facts but who, we are assured, agree with us in ardent desire to preserve the unity of the church. The affirmation issued in 1924, signed by over 1200 of our ministers, assured the historic freedom of teaching, within evangelical bounds, guaranteeing to ministers of our communion. The general assembly of 1924 agreed with the position taken in the affirmation by rejecting as unconstitutional an overture which sought to require of certain officers of the church subscription to particular interpretations of the standards set forth in deliverance of general assemblies.

In spite of this decision of our highest court, efforts are still being made to impose these doctrinal interpretations upon ministers, and in effect to apply to members of the boards and other church officers the very tests which the assembly declared unconstitutional.

A letter has been widely circulated which insinuates dishonesty on the part of some of our ministers, and asserts that unbelief is wide spread among them, and therefore urges agitation to inform the people of the church of these alleged conditions. For the purpose of securing the election of what are called loyal commissioners to the next general assembly.

Such actions are fomenting a spirit of division, casting unwarranted suspicion on the loyalty and candor of faithful ministers, threatening the disruption of our church, and hindering that concentration of our energies on Christian ministry to the world which the heart of our church desires.

Therefore, we appeal to our (Continued on page six)

Henry Ford Purchases Old Tools and Equipment of Thomas Edison For Display in Detroit Museum

(Associated Press Lensed Wire.)
FORT MYERS, Fla., Feb. 19.—Henry Ford today bought the old tools and laboratory equipment of Thomas A. Edison and will ship them to Detroit to be displayed in Ford museum.

Workmen are busy assembling and crating the machine and the various bits of tools and other laboratory equipment with which Mr. Edison experimented and brought to perfection many of the world's most wonderful inventions.

Mr. Ford purchased the material from W. P. Ross, a blacksmith. Ross bought the "priceless junk" from Mr. Edison six or seven years ago. Although Ross has made good use of virtually every piece of the Edison equipment in his blacksmith shop,

PICKWICK STAGE WRECKS; 1 KILLED

(Associated Press Lensed Wire.)
REDDING, Calif., Feb. 19.—A woman killed last evening in the wreck of a Pickwick stage near Dunsmuir was identified today as Mrs. George Hansen, 60, of Shanghai, China, a missionary. She was traveling with her husband, who was slightly injured in the wreck. The other injured passengers had recovered sufficiently today to permit them to continue on their journey.

HUNGER STRIKE VICTIM IN NEED OF A PHYSICIAN

Mrs. Budlong Calls to Husband's Secretary and Says She Is Dying.

CROWDS ATTRACTED

Another Mysterious Angle Enters Into Case Today When Husband Moves Office Furniture.

(Associated Press Lensed Wire.)
NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—An appeal that a physician be brought to her at once was shouted by Mrs. Milton J. Budlong, today from behind a door of the apartment home of her husband, the oil magnate, where Mrs. Budlong has been a voluntary prisoner on hunger strike since last Friday.

The trouble between husband and wife developed another mysterious angle. Shortly before noon furniture movers began installing desks, typewriters, telegraph instruments and operators in the drawing room of the apartment, adjoining the bedroom where Mrs. Budlong has imprisoned herself.

Mrs. Budlong's plea for a physician was called to her husband's secretary, who has acted as generalissimo of servants and private detectives installed in a room of the apartment surrounding the woman's self chosen bedroom prison.

A few minutes earlier the secretary had been much exercised over the disappearance of important papers of the oil magnate and "a certain photograph of Mrs. Budlong, which he said was highly prized by the husband.

Attorneys for Budlong and Mrs. Budlong were reported closeted in a downtown hotel, attempting to negotiate a compromise.

A heavy office safe was last of the business equipment moved into the apartment.

Stenographers and telegraphers were installed and all the clutter of a busy organization was set up. Although the oil man's employees declined to discuss the significance of this move, attorneys said it might represent an attempt by Budlong to give the place the legal definition of an office rather than a residence.

Hawkers mingling with the crowds on the streets, eleven stories below the Budlong apartment, today put on sale "Budlong's shirts" at 98 cents each.

They sold rapidly, for there has been created a great demand for souvenirs of the shirts, initiated "M. J. B." which Mrs. Budlong has used as ballast for the notes she tossed to those below.

Several hot dog and hot drink carts, strainers for the exclusive section east of Fifth Avenue, where the Budlong's lived, circulated through the throng doing a thriving business.

Mrs. Budlong dropped from her window this afternoon to the newspaper men below another note stating that her life was in danger. She said she was very weak and had been refused food.

COUNTY MAY BE GIVEN AID ON COAST HIGHWAY

Government Engineer to Make Inspection of the Reedsport Section.

FUNDS EXHAUSTED

County's Money All Gone, and Appeal Has Been Made for Federal Aid for Completion.

(Associated Press Lensed Wire.)
WASHINGTON, February 19.—Government aid for the completion of the Reedsport road will probably depend upon the survey to be made Sunday by Government Engineer Palmer, and County Roadmaster Floyd Frear. Mr. Frear left this morning for Scottsburg to prepare plans for a bridge on the Ada road, and on Sunday will meet Mr. Palmer, who has been representing the government on the section through the forest. They will go over the road and determine the amount of work to be done, and prepare an estimate on the amount needed to complete the project.

The county has asked the government for \$100,000 which it is believed will be enough to build a bridge and surface the road so that it can be used the year around.

The road has already cost \$650,000 between Drain and Reedsport, and the amount paid by the government has been only \$85,000 which was expended in cooperation with the county on the section through the Situla forest, the bureau of public roads having charge of the construction work.

The county has paid out all of its funds, and now there is nothing left to complete the project. The grade has been made through to Reedsport, but it will take nearly \$40,000. It is roughly estimated to properly surface the road, remove slides, complete drainage ditches and do the other work necessary before all-year travel is possible.

It is also necessary to construct a bridge near Scottsburg, which will be very expensive. In view of the fact that the road passes through several miles of government timber lands the county has requested that federal cooperation be given. The bureau of public roads, apparently has been very favorably impressed with the road, for a great deal of interest has been taken by Mr. Purcell personally, and the county has been accorded very fine treatment in every way, and has given a fair hearing upon any request made.

It is expected that the inspection to be made on Sunday will result in some decision upon the amount of help to be given this year, and it is hoped that the government will be able to complete the work, as this project is of most vital importance to the entire county.

MINIATURE FARM TO BE DISPLAYED

(Associated Press Lensed Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Gradual withdrawal of the federal government from the inheritance tax field and greater economy in tax collection were recommended for public consideration by President Coolidge in an address at the opening session of the national inheritance and estate tax conference.

The president condemned the present federal inheritance tax, amounting in its highest bracket to 40 percent, declaring that in some instances it, with the state levies, closely approaches, if it is not actually, confiscation.

"If we are to adopt socialism, it should be presented to the people of this country as socialism, and not under the guise of a law to collect revenue," he said. "The people are quite able to determine for themselves the desirability of a particular public policy and do not ask to have such policies forced upon them by indirection."

Establishment of "economy in the income of revenue" is an equal necessity with economy in outgo of revenue. Mr. Coolidge said, adding that the first field for the practice of economy in inheritance tax collections laws is state

EDDY BILL FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL COURSE BLOCKED

(Associated Press Lensed Wire.)
STATEHOUSE, Salem, Or.—The Eddy bill calling for a change in the course of study in high schools of the state, and specifying certain required subjects was indefinitely postponed by the house this morning.

APPOINTED HEAD INSURANCE DIVISION

(Associated Press Lensed Wire.)
WASHINGTON, February 19.—Lewis C. Joseph, district manager of the veterans bureau at Seattle, today was appointed chief of the insurance division at the bureau's headquarters here.

SIR ESME HOWARD ASKS AID OF U. S.

(Associated Press Lensed Wire.)
NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 19.—Belief that America can do much to aid in the aim of settlement of peace abroad, "without in any way undertaking any dangerous commitments for the future," was expressed today by Sir Esme Howard, the British ambassador in an address before the Lions Club.

Saying that America lies aside the "hurricane belt," he welcomed this country's co-operation, "in all matters in which she feels herself able to co-operate without damaging her own interests."

"There is a great feeling growing," he said, "not only in England but in the dominions as well as I hope and believe, here, that there is nothing on earth which will help so much towards a settlement of the various different questions which arise in Europe and the rest of the world, as the knowledge that the United States of America and the British Empire are standing together for peace."

"I believe the American nation does much to help on this aim of settlement and peace without any way undertaking any dangerous commitments for the future. We Europeans look now that the latter is something which America reasonably refuses to do. But we hope and believe, nevertheless, that as in the last year or two, America will continue to take a part, whether officially or unofficially or semi-officially in the settlement of such pending questions as really interest her."

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE MAKES AN ADDRESS TODAY URGING MORE ECONOMY IN COLLECTION OF TAX

(Associated Press Lensed Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Declaring there is competition between states to reach in inheritance taxes not only the property of its own citizens, but the property of citizens of other states, the president, by way of illustration, showed how a share of stock upon death of its owner might be made subject to seven separate and distinct inheritance taxes by the federal and various state governments.

"All this means," he added, "not only an actual amount of tax which may under particular circumstances exceed 100 percent of the value of the stock, but the expense delay and inconvenience of getting clearances of the states who claim a right to tax the property is a serious burden to the heir who is to receive the stock. Particularly is this expense disproportionate to a tax paid a small estate which is but a few shares of stock. In many cases the estate alone must exceed the total value of the shares which it is sought to transfer. Looking at it from the standpoint of state revenue, I am told it is probable that the full cost of executors of ascertaining the tax and obtaining the

PORTLAND DIST. CONFERENCE BE HELD FEB. 24-26

Over Seventy-Five Delegates From West Part of State Expected.

PLAN GOOD PROGRAM

Sessions to Be Featured by Strong Preaching and Interesting Services.

The district conference of the Methodist Church, South, will be held in Roseburg on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, February 24, 25 and 26. The district is composed of the western half of the states, and it is expected that 75 delegates will be in attendance, coming from as far north as Portland, and as far south as Medford, Roseburg, being the most centrally located point, is usually selected for this annual mid-year meeting.

Bishop H. M. DuBose, will be the presiding officer, assisted by J. C. Jones, presiding elder, and Rev. Stewart O'Dell, the local pastor.

The conference is a very interesting church event, and the evening services particularly are attended by many people who are not members of the church, but who are interested in religious work.

The conference is held for hearing the reports of the work being done, and transacting the business of the church, and is always featured by strong preaching and, interesting religious services. The program this year is especially good, talks being provided for by some of the leading church workers of the state.

The first afternoon will be given over to short talks on Sunday school problems and round table discussions. The evening service will take up the Epworth League work, with the young people in charge.

Wednesday will be given over to the reports of the pastors and officers of the district, consideration of church problems, and plans for religious education, together with discussions of other departments of church work.

Thursday will also be devoted to the church plans, with the business session in the afternoon, at which time officers will be elected and other business affairs given attention.

On each evening there will be a devotional service and a strong sermon.

The visiting delegates are to be entertained in the local homes, but the midday and noon meals will be served in the banquet room of the church by the ladies. It is expected that the conference will be a very successful event.

VEST CONTAINING JEWELS IS STOLEN

(Associated Press Lensed Wire.)
CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—A specially constructed vest containing \$20,000 in jewels of the J. Millhening jewelry company failed to baffle four robbers in an automobile who kidnaped the 17 year old messenger, W. R. Banard, who wore the vest. After robbing him of the jewelry, they tossed him out of their car.

JUDGE WILL BAR ORAL EVIDENCE IN STOKES CASE

Defendant in Conspiracy Case Wins Point by Ruling Made Today.

TESTIMONY HALTED

Evidence to Effect That Stokes Hired Negro to Secure Information Not Allowed.

(Associated Press Lensed Wire.)
CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—John J. Healy, counsel for Daniel F. Nugent, New York lawyer, on trial with W. E. D. Stokes, today accused the assistant state's attorney of "lawlessly robbing" a witness of his constitutional liberty in an effort to coerce him into "testifying falsely."

Mr. Healy's attack on the state's attorney's office followed the sworn admission of Joseph Bruner, co-defendant, testifying for the state, that he was locked up in the police station without warrant by order of Assistant State's Attorney Milton D. Smith, following a misunderstanding.

Mr. Healy, former state's attorney of Cook county, declared that the action reported by Bruner was "the most lawless act that can be perpetrated upon an American citizen."

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Judge W. N. Gemmill today upheld objections of counsel for W. E. D. Stokes, charged with conspiracy to defame Mrs. Helen Elwood Stokes, to the admission of testimony based on affidavits and correspondence of Stokes' agents.

Though an hour's conference which was held in chambers on a demand of the state that the defense produce affidavits and correspondence in his possession, the defense did not produce them after the court issued his decision in a whisper audible only to counsel.

The tenor of the decision was further indicated when the judge blocked the admission of oral evidence based on the affidavits and correspondence. "The defense opposed the demand that they turn over affidavits and correspondence of Stokes' various agents and detectives on the ground that the communications of confidential agents and their clients were privileged under the law. The state disputed this point and read a lengthy decision on the subject. Not only was the documentary evidence called for, not produced, but the witness, Joseph Bruner, Stokes' former agent, was not permitted to testify from memory as to the contents of the suppressed documents.

Bruner started to tell that he had signed at Stokes' request, then repudiated, an affidavit naming "Helen Elwood Underwood Stokes," but this testimony was ordered stricken from the record.

This testimony was designed to uphold the contention of the state that Stokes had conspired with Bruner, a defendant granted a separate trial and others to obtain false affidavits that his wife had formerly been intimate with a man of negro blood in a notorious district of Chicago.

Bruner had just testified that Stokes had asked him, if he would make affidavits identifying a woman in a picture shown by Stokes as the white companion of a negro he had driven years ago. Bruner testified that when he expressed doubt as to the identity of the girl in the picture with his

OREGON SENATORS RECOMMEND HIM FOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR STATE OF OREGON

Speedy Confirmation by President and Senate Is Expected—Nomination Will Be Sent in This Week and Appointment Assured in Short Time.

(Associated Press Lensed Wire.)
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 19.—A special dispatch to the Portland Telegram from Washington today says:

"Senators McNary and Stanfield today in writing joined in a recommendation to the president that he appoint George Neuner, Jr., of Roseburg, United States District Attorney for Oregon. It is expected that the president will concur in the recommendation and send in Neuner's nomination to the senate this week. A favorable report by the senate judiciary committee and speedy confirmation by the senate are expected to follow."

The appointment of Mr. Neuner to the office of U. S. District Attorney, is one more step in a series of political achievements which have been spread over a period of 15 years.

Mr. Neuner was reared in the Days Creek vicinity, and at the age of 21 years graduated from the 4th grade of the public schools there. He was then employed with the U. S. Geological survey, as a mule skinner, and during the summers worked with that service, and in the winters attended the Drain state normal from which he graduated in 1906.

After his third year with the U. S. geological survey, he graduated from an instrument, and was employed on the survey of the international boundary, between the U. S. and Canada.

He entered Willamette law school in 1907. C. L. McNary, now state senator, having been dean of the law school at that time. Judge Bingham, recently deceased, and the present attorney general, L. H. Van Winkle, were instructors.

In 1908 he was admitted to practice, and came to Roseburg the following year, and took a desk in the office of Coshaw and Rice. He was appointed city attorney by Mayor Fred Hayes, and served in that capacity for several years.

In 1916 he was elected as state representative, and served one term in the legislature in that capacity. He was elected state senator in 1912 and served in the following session. He resigned this position in 1915 to accept the appointment of district attorney for Douglas county.

At that time George Brown was made attorney general, and Governor West appointed Mr. Neuner to take the office of district attorney. He was elected twice after that time, and resigned in September of 1923.

Since that time he has been employed a great deal in state work as assistant attorney general, having been selected on several occasions to prosecute violations of the liquor and narcotic laws. He was also appointed special prosecutor in the murder trial of L. W. Peare, whose sentence to be hanged for the murder of James Culver, a former Roseburg man, was recently sustained by the supreme court.

During the past few months Mr. Neuner has been frequently mentioned for the office of U. S. District Attorney, and those in touch with the situation have been predicting his ultimate selection for the office.

Mr. Neuner was unconcernedly studying an abstract this afternoon when a News-Review representative presented the Associated Press report announcing the fact that his appointment had gone to the senate.

Although greatly pleased with the fact that the appointment was made Mr. Neuner stated that he regrets the fact that the position will require his absence much of the time from Roseburg.

"My work here is most enjoyable," Mr. Neuner said. "My practice has become such that I have been brought in close touch with people from all over the county, and I regret having to leave so much of it now."

He expressed his gratitude for the work of his many friends in his behalf. As yet he has given no thought to his future plans, he stated, and will not be able to make any definite statement until such a time as further information is forthcoming.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ebrek were here yesterday from northern points visiting. They reside at Hood River.

Recommended Today by Senators McNary and Stanfield for United States District Attorney of Oregon.

