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The Weather
Highest temperature yesterday... 43
Lowest temperature... 24
Forecast for interior southwest Oregon: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; moderate temperature.

By FRANK JENKINS
BACK in 1922 H. H. Corey, chairman of the Oregon public service commission, took a look at the abandoned Harriman railroad map, which would have given Oregon transportation equality with Washington and California, and decided that something ought to be done about it.

He was told that it COULDN'T BE DONE, but he didn't believe it. So he went to work drawing complaints and getting them legally before the Interstate commerce commission.

NOW, seven years after Mr. Corey refused to believe that it couldn't be done, the interstate commerce commission has just ordered the construction of the cross state line from Crane to Crescent, which is the last link needed to complete, in its entirety, the Harriman railroad map in this state.

ALONG about the same time E. J. Adams conceived the idea that the government ought to pay taxes on the Oregon & California grant lands, which had been taken off the tax rolls in Oregon and turned back to the government.

He, too, was told that it COULDN'T BE DONE, but he didn't believe it. He was laughed at scornfully when he set out to see if something couldn't be done about it, but he disregarded the laughter and went right ahead.

NOW the government is PAYING TAXES EVERY YEAR on the Oregon & California grant lands. Not only that, but it paid accumulated back taxes on these lands from the time they were taken off the Oregon tax rolls. As a result, taxpayers in the counties containing these lands are experiencing material relief.

HERE is the moral: Oregon needs more leaders who, when told that IT CAN'T BE DONE, refuse to believe it and go ahead on the theory that IT CAN BE DONE.

IN THIS column a few days ago, these facts were recited:

Washington, after feeding her own population of a million and a half, shipped to outside markets in the first ten months of 1929 a total of 1662 cars of eggs.

California, after feeding her own population of five millions, shipped to outside markets in the same period 1683 cars of eggs.

Oregon, after feeding her own population of about a million, shipped to outside markets in these ten months ONLY 371 CARS OF EGGS.

HERE is something that will surprise you; and, after surprising you, it ought to cause you to do some thinking:

Oregon, ten years ago, led the state of Washington in shipments of eggs to outside markets.

WHY has Oregon, which ten years ago led the state of Washington in shipment of eggs to outside markets, largely markets on the Atlantic seaboard, fallen so far behind that it now ships beyond its own borders only one car of eggs for each five cars of eggs shipped out by Washington?

IT ISN'T because production conditions are less favorable here than in Washington, for they are not. Production conditions here are just as favorable as in Washington and California.

It isn't because of lack of market, because the markets supplied by Washington, Oregon and California are all the same. It isn't even because of lack of marketing facilities here, for the marketing facilities of the three Pacific Coast states are substantially alike.

AND it can't be wholly because of lack of adequate transportation, for there is transportation enough available at exactly equal rates to carry to outside markets from Oregon as many cars of eggs as are carried to outside markets from Washington and California.

HERE is the big fact: There are outside markets sufficient to absorb from Washington and California in ten months some 1700 cars each of carefully graded, quality-guaranteed eggs. These markets have been satisfactory enough as to price to encourage in our neighboring states a large increase in egg production in recent years.

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PAISLEY WILL BURY 72 DEAD IN ONE GRAVE

Victims of Theatre Horror, Mostly Between 5 and 14, Are Identified Amid Pathetic Scenes.

Had Children Remained in Seats No Lives Would Have Been Lost, Is Doctors' View.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
PAISLEY, Scotland, Jan. 1.—Arrangements proceeded today for a mass funeral for the 72 youthful victims of the blind panic which followed a small fire yesterday afternoon in the Glen motion picture theatre.

There was hardly a home in this small Scottish mill town that did not suffer from the catastrophe. The city council, recognizing that most, if not all, represented either impoverished or humble circumstances, expected to provide for interment in a single grave.

Meanwhile, beneath murky smoke-ridden skies weeping parents continued identification of the bodies of their children, most of whom were between the ages of 5 and 14. Infinitely pathetic scenes were enacted as the victims were recognized and tags with names pinned to their clothes.

Parents entered the morgue conducted by nurses who led them between the long rows of little corpses. One woman found three of her brood lying side by side—it was her entire family. Fathers in some cases balked at the door and refused to go inside, delegating identification to the mother.

There were some cases in which the seekers failed to identify the death-changed faces and left declaring, "My child is not there." Others made mistaken identifications and in at least three cases where identification was thought to have been made the sorrowful parents returned home to find their youngsters awaiting them there, safe and well.

Doctors who spent hours inspecting the theatre and tending the 30 or more who were injured in the panic believed that if the children had stayed quietly in their places when the fire alarm was given not a single life would have been lost. They said none of the deaths were due to gas poisoning.

Virtually the deaths were due to suffocating from being buried beneath the struggling mass of their fellows, who pressed in hundreds over those who fell first until there was a barrier of little bodies at the portals as much as six deep.

Others did not share this view. These included some firemen, one of whom said he had been affected seriously by the fumes, which escaped from illuminating gas fixtures with which the building was equipped for emergency lighting. Several gas fixtures were torn away as if the children had

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Minister About To Voice Thanks Dies In Pulpit

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 1.—Thirty-five years ago when the Rev. S. C. Carnes was just a young minister, he preached his first New Year's sermon in southern California.

Last night the 69-year-old man of God stood before the altar in University Methodist church and reviewed his years of service in the southland—expressing thanks that once again he could talk to his people as an old year gave way to a new one filled with hope and promise.

With his head bowed in humility, he began a prayer as the hands of a wall-clock moved silently on toward the hour of midnight.

"Our Father, we thank—" The clock tolled its knell to the departing year—its welcome to the new—and the Rev. Carnes, his arms stretched heavenward, crumpled to the pulpit floor—dead.

Heart attack, physicians said.

DRYS AND FOEMEN BOTH ENCOURAGED BY 1930 OUTLOOK

McBride and Curran Refer to Events in Support of Views; Senators Continue War.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Spokesmen for organization, sponsoring and opposing the prohibition laws have entered the current controversy with statements in which both draw encouragement from the events of 1929 and make optimistic predictions for 1930.

F. Scott McBride of the anti-saloon league found a "most hopeful sign" in the discussion of the last fortnight in that "legislative officers, as well as enforcement administration officials, including President Hoover, are not side-stepping their responsibility in connection with enforcement of the law."

For the association against the prohibition amendment, Henry H. Curran, its president, said that while "dry" spokesmen ten years ago predicted that prohibition would reduce crime by fifty per cent, the actual result had been such that "the president of the United States only a few months ago considered the crime situation so grave that he told assembled publishers of the Associated Press that the dominant law before the people was law enforcement and law observance."

Neither McBride nor Curran showed any disposition to become parties to the controversy that has arisen in official Washington. Curran did not mention it, but McBride said:

"The present controversy is not being carried on by the league or any of the opposing organizations, but by various public officials. This has been the objective of the league since the enactment of the eighteenth amendment, and will

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PERMITS FOR NEW BUILDING LIGHT IN 1929

Construction During Year in Roseburg Confined for Greater Part to Residences.

Upward Trend in Property Values and Increasing Population Chief Indications.

Twenty-four building permits were issued during the year 1929 for a total amount of \$40,980, the lowest annual report during the past ten years for which records have been maintained. Much of the building activity started in 1928, the second largest year in the city's history, was carried over into 1929, while a great deal of construction work went on outside the city, so that the building permits give no indication of the actual amount of construction work carried on during the year, but new work during 1929 was the lowest since 1920, when the work of compiling records was started.

The building reports, however, do show one very outstanding fact—a growing demand for more residences in the city. As was predicted at the close of 1928, the year of 1929 has shown a revival in home building. Last year, judging from the general conditions and a survey of the permits for that period, the prediction was made that 1929 would see more construction of new homes than at any time for a three-year period. This prediction was justified by the construction of eight residences during the past year, as compared with two the year before and only three in 1927.

Population Growing
All indications show that Roseburg's population is growing steadily. The loss of the railroad terminal moved out a number of families in 1926 and struck the city's population at the knees. This was immediately reflected in the stopping of construction of residences, as there were plenty of vacant dwellings to be secured.

Last year, however, the reports showed a material gain in population, while this year's school census indicated that Roseburg's population is now back to its highest point. Good houses available for renting are hard to find in this city, and as a result there have been several fine homes constructed during the past year.

These were built by A. S. Coen on Jackson and Robert streets; Mrs. A. Fenton, in Laurelwood; Tracy Roland, 530 East Douglas

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INDIA WOULD CAST OF FOREIGN YOKE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
LAHORE, India, Jan. 1.—The Indian national congress dispersed a few minutes after opening of the New Year today, with its members crying "Up with the national flag" and "Down with the Union Jack."

Matatma Gandhi, venerable nationalist leader, won a final victory. By a vote of 999 to 776 the congress rejected an amendment to its request to omit an expression of appreciation for Viceroy Lord Irwin's sincerity in his proposal for a round-table conference in London for the purpose of delineating dominion status for India.

The congress yesterday voted almost unanimously approving Gandhi's resolution for eventual complete independence for India to be attained gradually by measures of non-cooperation with the British governmental machinery.

DUCK HUNTER PAYS FINE FOR LIQUOR

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
YREKA, Calif., Jan. 1.—Prohibition agents turned temporarily from their task of keeping this city dry and arrested George Emmer, duck hunter from San Francisco, when they found liquor in his car. Emmer paid a \$200 fine and was again taken into custody by the federal agents for further investigation.

SUPPOSED ESTATE OF HALF MILLION PROVES LEGEND

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31.—Leo Leonard, Portland cabinet maker, who recently announced he was heir to a half million dollars, left him by the death of an uncle in Detroit, Mich., realized today his alleged bubble had broken.

Detroit attorneys declared they knew nothing of Leonard or his claims. Leonard said he was waiting further information, but attorneys said they never heard of the uncle in Detroit alleged to have left him the money.

Father Time Starts New Twelvemonth Career



U. S. NARCOTICS OFFICER SHOT BY AN UNKNOWN MAN

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SEATTLE, Jan. 1.—P. L. Jourdain, Seattle government narcotics agent, was shot and critically wounded by an unknown assailant in front of his home here shortly after midnight.

Jourdain was about to re-enter his automobile when four shots rang out from the shadows at the edge of the sidewalk. He fell to the pavement, a bullet wound through his abdomen, apparently only one of the shots having taken effect, and was rushed to the city hospital in an ambulance. He lapsed into unconsciousness before he could give any description of his assailant.

Jourdain's wife said, had been out all evening on government business. He had apparently returned to his car to obtain his keys when shot down.

When Jourdain was first taken to the hospital he told attendants to "never mind that, get this bullet out of me," when questioned as to the identity of his assailant.

Police said they believed the shooting was either a "grudge" affair resulting from Jourdain's activities as a narcotics agent or that it was the climax of a personal quarrel. His wife said she knew of no personal enemies he might have had.

Jourdain came here from Los Angeles, where he had served five years in the government narcotics agency. Mrs. Jourdain informed the police. He was about 35 years old.

POLK COUNTY PHONE SYSTEM PURCHASED

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SALEM, Ore., Jan. 1.—The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company has purchased the Williamette Telephone company, which serves Dallas, Independence, Month and Falls City in Polk county, says an announcement received here today by C. C. Allen, local manager for the Pacific company. The deal is effective today.

INFANT SCALDED TO DEATH IN TUB

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
McMINNVILLE, Ore., Jan. 1.—Falling into a tub of boiling water, Lovell Matosha, one-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Matosha, Williams, was scalded to death yesterday. The mother had prepared to give the child his bath and left him alone for a moment. He apparently lost his balance and fell backwards into the tub.

Klamath Falls Visitors—Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Dyer, of Klamath Falls, are visiting friends in this city for several days.

FAUSETT'S RIDE OVER FALLS ECHOES IN DIVORCE CASE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Rena J. Drum, who is being sued for divorce by her husband, Alfred M. Drum, testified in circuit court here yesterday that when Al Fausett, adventurer, made his daring ride over the falls near Silverton, Ore., in 1925, he did so against his will and only because a woman who was backing him financially refused to allow him to break his contract.

Drum, who filed a cross complaint, charged that his wife deserted him in July, 1928, and accompanied Fausett to Silver creek falls in Marion county and that she remained with him from July until September.

Mrs. Drum, however, claimed that it was merely a financial arrangement and that she lent Fausett \$1,000 on a mortgage and that she got her money back and a small profit.

"I didn't want to make the ride," Mrs. Drum testified, "but I made him in order to get my money back. He thought he would be killed and so did everyone else."

In the ride Fausett broke three ribs and his ankle.

LITTLE ROWDYISM MARKS DEBUT OF NEW YEAR'S HERE

The New Year celebration passed off in comparative quiet in this city last night. While many people enjoyed various observances, there was little rowdyism, and no arrests were made for drunkenness or disorder.

The hall staged by Empqua post of the American Legion was the principal attraction and drew a huge crowd. Hilarity reigned as the new year was ushered in, and everyone spent a most enjoyable evening.

Several of the churches of the city held midnight services marking the passing of the old year and the advent of the new, and these meetings were well attended.

JUDGE HAMILTON WILL CONTINUE ON SUPREME BENCH

Circuit Judge J. W. Hamilton, who has been serving for the past two months on the Oregon state supreme court, will continue to serve as associate justice until February 28, according to an announcement made today by Chief Justice O. P. Coshaw. Judge Hamilton is filling the place of Associate Justice George M. Brown, at 60 of this county, who has been on sick leave since late spring. Judge Brown's condition is improving, but his physicians advise that he secure an additional rest for two or more months before resuming his work. Judge Hamilton was appointed to sit with the supreme court in Judge Brown's place, and will continue to do so until the latter's health will permit his return.

GEORGE PANKEY ASKS FORMALITY OF EXTRADITION

Due to a last minute demand for extradition, George Pankey, (Battling Judd), held in the county jail here for Hanford, Calif., authorities, as a suspect in the William Dean murder case, was not taken back to California yesterday, but is being kept here until papers for his removal are received.

Pankey had at first agreed to waive extradition and had stated that he would go back to Hanford without the formality of executive procedure. Deputy Sheriff Loren Dowdfield of Hanford arrived here Monday night, intending to start back with his prisoner yesterday afternoon.

The young man's parents, however, retained the services of Attorney Albert Hermann in Pankey's behalf, and the attorney advised that extradition would be demanded, which will result in a delay of several days while awaiting the arrival of the necessary papers.

DYNAMITE BOMB EXPLODES IN HOME; 1 DEAD, 7 INJURED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Mrs. Nora Hall was killed and seven other members of the family of John S. Hall, of Seat Pleasant, Md., were injured today by the explosion of a dynamite bomb in the kitchen of their home.

Five of the injured were children of Mr. and Mrs. Hall, and two of them were so badly hurt that they are not expected to recover. Their grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Bromley, 88 years old, is also in a serious condition from shock and an unidentified woman, a visitor at the home, was slightly hurt.

Mrs. Hall was fatally hurt when she opened the package, thought to be a belated Christmas gift. The children were grouped around watching her. Mr. Hall was away at the time.

The family only recently moved to Seat Pleasant from Mountmore, Md.

CHARLES P. TAFT, EX - PRESIDENT'S BROTHER, PASSES

CINCINNATI, Jan. 1.—Charles P. Taft, 86, half brother of former President William Howard Taft, founder and publisher of the Cincinnati Times Star, former congressman and donor of municipal gifts which total millions of dollars, died at his home here last night of pneumonia after an illness of a year and a half. He was 86 years old.

Kathleen Business Visitor—Rev. L. J. Sutherland, was in this city yesterday on business.

TRAGEDY AND NOISE USHER IN NEW YEAR

Prohibition Agents Raid Seventeen Wet Places in Gotham but No Arrests Made.

Two Slain, One Wounded in Chicago—One Killed and Seven Injured in Detroit.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Resolving themselves into a grand committee for the reception of distinguished visitors, New York's millions extended a noisy but orderly welcome to the new year.

Raids on seventeen night clubs and speakeasies by 150 federal prohibition agents failed to dampen the festivities perceptibly. The raids were made on information previously obtained and no patrons were arrested. The resorts, however, were closed, and the guests ordered to leave.

Broadway, unofficial headquarters of New Year celebrations, was jammed with 200,000 revelers, tooting lustily on tin horns.

Police officials said the crowds were orderly and no arrests were made among the street throngs.

Celebrants Pay High
Managers of leading hotels estimated that 25,000 persons were entertained in their dining rooms, while restaurants and night clubs announced capacity crowds. Cover charges in hotels ranged from \$8 to \$15.50. In the night clubs seats at tables cost as high as \$25.

About 10,000 persons gathered at Wall street and Broadway to hear the chimes of Trinity church ring in the new year.

Celebrants using firearms wounded a woman and girl, who were treated for superficial wounds at Bellevue hospital. No arrests were made in either case.

Thousands attended watch services in churches throughout the city, while still other thousands listened to chimes, dance programs and other New Year features over their radios.

2 Slain in Chicago
CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Two men were shot to death in Chicago today before the year 1930 was barely an hour old. Both slayings were attributed to New Year's eve celebrations.

William Hevenham, 35 years old, was shot and fatally wounded at a party which wound up in a quarrel. His slayer fled.

Fred Leon Roe, 52, a member of the Chicago real estate board, was found shot to death in front of a Kozdie avenue address. Police believe revelers with firearms were responsible for his death.

John Simons, 70, collapsed shortly after midnight in the midst of a street celebration in which hundreds of persons took part. His death was attributed to heart disease.

Many bullet sent Morris Kent to the hospital with a bullet wound in the neck. Merry-makers were blamed for this, too.

Detroit Casualties
DETROIT, Jan. 1.—Random gunfire by celebrants brought death to a seven-year-old boy and serious wounds to four other persons as Detroit greeted the new year in what police said was a "subdued" manner.

Leonard Volpe, 7, was shot last night by an unknown celebrator as he played in front of his home, 1410 Denman, 24, was wounded in the breast as she stood on the front porch of her home listening to the midnight welcome to the new year. Howard Jones, 31, was shot in the chest as he sat in front of a window in his home. Two other men are near death from similar wounds. None of the persons who fired the shots was apprehended.

Three persons were taken to hospital suffering from stab wounds following street fights.

Police characterized Detroit's observance of the New Year's festivities as "subdued" and "very calm, compared to last year."

SPAIN IS FACING ANOTHER TURMOIL

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
MADRID, Jan. 1.—Political circles today seethed with rumors of various imports, chief among which was that General Primo de Rivera, Spanish dictator, had presented his own and his cabinet's resignation to King Alfonso.

It was said he would permit the king to name a man to form a new government. Persons close to the premier, however, denied that this was the case and said he had only submitted a plan for gradual political transformation of the government. This, it was said, would not be completed for some time.