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The Weather
Highest temperature yesterday—35
Lowest temperature last night—32
Forecast for interior southwest Oregon: Unsettled tonight and Friday, probably with local snows; not much change in temperature.

By FRANK JENKINS
HERE is the opening paragraph of a dispatch from Washington: "Willie house (of representatives) leaders concentrated today on President Hoover's assignment to revamp the ways and means of enforcing prohibition."

AND here is a statement made to this writer the other day by an able, intelligent, sincere prohibition enforcement official: "If the politicians would just let us go ahead and enforce the law, we could get a lot farther than we are getting. But they keep the country in a ferment of doubt by constant political bickering. Every time we get settled down to work and going good they change the law in some way or other."

"The politicians, with very few exceptions, use prohibition as a football with which to play their own games, thus certainly doing the temperance cause no good."

THIS same official—who quite obviously can't be quoted by name, because his views would cost him his political scalp—adds:

"Even President Hoover, who is sincere, has been misled by the hallyhoo into recommending extensive changes. What prohibition enforcement needs, if it is to be really effective, is the authority to go ahead and do its work without interference from the politicians."

WHILE we are on this subject, here is a statement volunteered to this writer a few days ago by an ex-convict-keeper:

"National prohibition, or what passes for it, is rotten with scandal. By providing a big money reward, it promotes a certain vicious type of crime. And it makes hypocrites of an awful lot of people."

"But I doubt very much whether the prosperity which has made this country the envy of all the world since the war would have been possible without prohibition. The money that formerly was spent over the bars now goes for things that do the people who buy them a lot more good than booze ever did."

GOVERNOR NORBLAD offers this slogan: "Pull for Oregon or pull out." It is good advice. If we will all pull for Oregon with all our strength and all our enthusiasm, we will soon pull Oregon out of her place at the tail end of the Pacific Coast development procession.

SPEAKING of Oregon, here is one of those knotty, gnarled, old-gathered-up facts which can't be got around: Two decades ago, our assessed valuation was roughly a billion dollars. It is roughly a billion dollars yet.

HERE is a question for you to mull over in your mind: Two decades hence, will the valuation of the assessed wealth of Oregon still remain in the neighborhood of a billion dollars?

And here is the answer: "It will if we go on sitting tight and doing nothing, telling ourselves that Oregon is a good old state and that we are wholly satisfied with it as it is."

JUST what is needed to bring Oregon out of her place at the rear and put her in a place up toward the head of the procession out here on the Pacific Coast?

Here is this writer's idea of it: A NEW STATE OF MIND. We need to be less satisfied and more ambitious. We need to learn to take a chance, now and then, instead of sitting tight all the time and refusing to believe in the future.

WE NEED to be shaken out of our belief in Santa Claus—our silly faith that if we just go on sitting under a tree and snoozing comfortably somebody will come along some day and drop all the wealth and all the development in the world into our laps, without any effort on our part.

We'll never get ANYWHERE without effort on OUR OWN PART. You can put that in your pipe and smoke it.

BACK in the romantic early days of the West, the good people who wanted to do something and get something were held back in their efforts by the bandits, the two-gun men, the whole loose tribe of enemies of progress.

These good people, determined to get somewhere in spite of opposition, took the bit in their teeth.

SNOW GIVES WAY BEFORE HEAVY RAINS

Floods Sweep Midwest and Southern States, Also Several Areas in California.

Rocky Mountain Districts Hit by New Cold Wave That Takes Lives, Upsets Traffic.

By the Associated Press
An earthquake in southern California, extreme cold in the north-west and Rocky mountain regions and floods in the middle west and south were included in the show put on by nature in the United States in the last 24 hours.

While buildings were rocking and flagpoles swayed in Los Angeles, Pomona, and along the San Bernardino valley in southern California, 500 families were being driven from their homes by a swollen, raging Wahash river at Vincennes, Ind. At Ottawa, Ohio, 200 persons were rescued from second-story windows after the Blanchard river had gone far beyond its banks.

Today cold was sweeping down from the northwest, and through-out the Mississippi valley, where rivers had gone outside their banks, were great areas of ice and slush.

Cold Takes Lives
Cold set new records in the Rocky mountain regions. Reports from Denver were that six persons had died, victims indirectly of the cold. It was 7 degrees below zero in Denver early today, and a vast area of cold and snow extended as far south as Albuquerque, N. M.

The cold extending into the south, however, was expected to save that portion of the country from bad floods.

Weather in New England and down along the Atlantic coast was about normal today. It was cold, but not unseasonably so.

Rains Banish Cold
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15.—Rains and strong southerly winds today presaged an end of the unseasonal cold in California and southwestern Oregon with other Pacific slope states reporting a sympathetic rise in temperatures.

Following in the path of yesterday's storm which brought heavy snows and rain to nearly all sections of the far west, disturbances off the southern California and Oregon coasts were moving south and east bringing promise of warmer weather for the first time in weeks.

Temperatures were higher last night in all Pacific coast states, except in portions of Nevada, northern Washington and Idaho. More snow was predicted for these regions today.

Rising temperatures and heavy rain in California melted snows in the mountains, causing miniature floods, landslides, break tides and disrupting temporarily air and rail-road travel.

The morning tide in San Francisco bay was almost a record for high water. The double stimulating of a stiff south wind and falling barometer sent the tide surging up to 7.55 feet, 47 of a foot lower than the record high mark.

Streets Flooded
Rain in the Yreka district of Siskiyou county flooded streets of several communities. The McCloud river further mill was forced to shut down because of the heavy snows which blocked movement of logs. The town of McCloud was shivering as the lumber company's steam plant curtailed.

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OUTSTUDENT COMMITS SUICIDE
(Associated Press Leased Wire)
CORINTH, N. Y., Jan. 15.—Suspended from high school for drinking home-made wine in the school building Eugene Clothier, 14 years old, committed suicide last night.

Principal Herbert A. Beckman of the Corinth high school said he found young Clothier and another boy drinking the wine in the cloak room yesterday and suspended Clothier when investigation disclosed he had brought the wine to school.

Clothier was found in bed at his home this morning, with a bullet wound in his chest.

\$40,000 FIRE HITS PLANT AT TACOMA
(Associated Press Leased Wire)
TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 15.—Firemen for seven hours this morning in the cold fought fire in the plant of the Modern Lumber and Mill Work company. The plant was destroyed with a loss of \$40,000. Several firemen were slightly injured. Insurance of \$20,000 was canceled and it is expected the plant will be rebuilt.

Tenth Anniversary of Dry Amendment Finds Nation Facing Enforcement Issue

By L. A. BROPHY
(A. P. Feature Service Writer)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Ten years ago today the practice of resting a crooked arm on a polished bar became an unconstitutional gesture.

The eighteenth amendment went into effect at midnight, January 16, 1920, after Nebraska had ratified it as the thirty-sixth state. Adding prohibition to the basic law, however, made little difference then, as the country had been under a wartime ban on liquor since the preceding July.

Prohibition, stretching its limbs as a 10-year-old, finds itself being cut off at the neck, but with enforcement, rather than drinking, the target for controversy.

Many profess to see that 1930 will be as critical a year for the "great experiment" as any in its existence.

Outstanding in developments that followed rapidly as 1929 waned were:

The charge, taken directly to the white house by Senator Borah of Idaho, that governmental enforcement personnel is not efficient.

The sweeping study of dry law application by President Hoover's commission on law enforcement.

Certainty that prohibition will be a major legislative topic before congress this year.

A possible supreme court ruling on the move to make a liquor purchaser equally guilty with the seller.

Statement of Rear Admiral Frederick C. Billard, commandant of the coast guard, that "amiable gestures" will not be used in seeking to prevent liquor smuggling.

Organized forces, for and against prohibition, marshaling their resources for continued battle.

Clashing Claims
On its tenth anniversary, Henry H. Curran, president of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, in a statement said that national prohibition reminded him of a "squirrel in a revolving cage."

"The little fellow makes a great show of doing something," he said. "He runs at a furious pace until he is worn out, subsides long enough to catch his breath and then starts off again, more determined than ever."

On the other side, Dr. F. Scott McBride, general superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of America, said "increasing sentiment for national sobriety marks the first decade of constitutional prohibition."

"This sentiment has been shown in repeated elections," he added. "A changing social attitude is being manifested. * * * To the economic progress of the United States prohibition has undeniably contributed."

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HEFLIN TAKES NEW SWAT AT VATICAN OVER U. S. SCHOOLS
(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Papal statements of education made in an encyclical on January 13 were assailed today in the senate by Senator Hefflin of Alabama, "as the boldest and most direct and vicious assault upon the public school system of America that has come from Pope Pius since he became the Catholic king."

This is an attack upon the free institutions of our country," said the Alabama, who placed in the record several editorials dealing with the encyclical.

"Hefflin continued, 'It is the most arrogant assault upon the public school system that ever has come from this source—one that has always been an enemy of the public school system.'"

Hefflin also attacked former Governor Smith of New York, democratic nominee of the last national election, describing him as the "first prominent man who has undertaken in the open to assault the public school system in the United States."

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BAGS 2ND COUGAR PRESENT MONTH
(Associated Press Leased Wire)
CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—Fire swept the basement of Mercy hospital early today, alarming many of the 250 patients and resulting in six firemen being overcome by fumes from burning paint.

While firemen were extinguishing the flames below, nurses moved silently through the hospital rooms, restoring quiet. It was not necessary to remove any patients.

BOMB ROCKS HOME OF BOSS MORRIS ELLER

City Collector of Chicago and Family Unhurt But Maid Is Injured by Falling Plaster.

Criminal History of Bloody 20th Ward Reviewed in Effort to Discover Motive for Deed.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—The home of "Boss" Eller—City Collector Morris Eller, political chief of the "bloody twentieth" ward—was bombed early today.

Eller and Mrs. Eller were shaken but unhurt as the black powder bomb tore at the rear entrance of the Eller apartment in a three story brick building. The maid, Anna Seaman, was cut and bruised by plaster that fell from her bedroom. A section of the bedroom door was flung across the room and landed in the hall above her head. The Eller chauffeur, asleep in the basement, was not injured.

A garage at the rear was damaged. Windows in the apartment building and in nearby places were shattered.

The judge Emanuel Eller of superior court, who lives in the Eller home, in another part of the city, was given a police guard after he learned of the attempt against his father.

Attack Mystifies
Morris Eller told police he had no idea why the bomb was thrown. "There could be a thousand reasons for it," he said, "but I know of none in particular. If I had had any suspicion that an attack would be made, I certainly would have asked police protection for my home."

The building, which is in that section of Chicago's west side known as the "twentieth" ward, is owned by Eller and his wife. The city collector estimated the property damage at \$1,000, but police set the figure at double that.

It was the second bombing at the Eller home; the first was set off in September, 1926. A year ago, the automobile accessory shop of a son-in-law, Israel Warshawsky, was badly damaged by a bomb explosion.

Past Eyed for Clues
Police went back to April 10, 1928—primary election day—in their hunt for a possible motive. On that day Eller, seeking election as committeeman, from the 20th ward, was opposed by a negro lawyer, Octavius Roy Granady. Before the day was over Granady had been assassinated—shot down by gunmen in an automobile. Only a few weeks ago a police captain and members of his squad were

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"MEL" THOMPSON, RESIDENT OF CITY 51 YEARS, PASSES
(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The senate today voted to retain the existing sugar tariffs.

It adopted a proposal by Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, to substitute present levies for the finance committee republicans. The vote was 48 to 28.

The present duty on Cuban raw sugar is 1.75 cents a pound and that against other countries is 2.25 cents.

These were raised by the finance committee republicans to 2.25 and 2.75 cents, respectively, while the house bill provided duties of 2.40 and 3 cents.

Eighteen republicans voted for the Harrison proposal which denies any increase in the sugar tariff over existing law.

Four democrats lined up with the other republicans against the measure to keep duties as they are.

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CALIFORNIA DEATH BELIEVED DUE TO "PARROT FEVER"
(Associated Press Leased Wire)
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 16.—Declaring one man has died and two women are seriously ill here from a disease believed to be paratuberculosis, or parrot fever, Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, head of the Los Angeles county health department, today reiterated a warning that all recently purchased parrots must be quarantined.

The death last week of B. O. Johnson, at first ascribed as pneumonia, now is believed to have been caused by parrot fever, Dr. Pomeroy said. A parrot brought home by Johnson's son from Rio de Janeiro on December 1, died a few days before Johnson became ill. Mrs. Johnson now is ill apparently with the same disease.

Mrs. A. H. Stewart, who was taken to a Santa Monica, Calif., hospital a few days after her recent "mashed parrot" had died, now is believed to be afflicted with parrot fever, the symptoms of which are similar to those in pneumonia.

Dr. Pomeroy said the cause are being studied by State bacteriologist Wilfred Kellogg, of Berkeley. Little is known about the malady, he said.

28 MILLION FEET OF TIMBER BOUGHT
(Associated Press Leased Wire)
BENTON, Ore., Jan. 16.—Sale to the Brooks-Seaton Lumber company of Bend by the U.S. Forest Service of 28,122,000 board feet of yellow pine and intermixed species in the Fort Rock district was announced here yesterday.

The sale covers 318 acres and is in the vicinity of the Fox Butte, scene of a big forest fire two years ago.

GRID OFF FROM U. OF O. LURES SPEARS

Minnesota Football Coach to Discuss Terms With President Hall at Missoula, Mont.

Proposition of University Calls for \$11,500 Per Year and Includes Professorship.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 16.—With the University of Minnesota making last minute efforts to keep him as head football coach, Dr. Clarence W. Spears started today for the west with the offer of an \$11,500 annual salary as gridiron coach at the University of Oregon awaiting him.

Dr. Spears was elected coach at Oregon at a meeting of the institution's executive council at Eugene last night, and he will meet Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president of the Oregon school, at Missoula, Mont., Friday to discuss final acceptance.

Couch Spears has been dissatisfied with management of athletic affairs at Minnesota, especially over financial matters relating to assistant coaches and their salaries. The Gopher mentor receives \$7,500 a year at Minnesota and devotes all his time to football. At Oregon, in addition to the salary increase, he would be permitted to practice medicine in the off-football season.

Not Definitely Settled
The senate athletic committee, governing body of sports at the Gopher institution, held a hasty called meeting late yesterday to discuss the situation with Dr. Spears. While the meeting was behind closed doors, it is understood that Spears aired his grievances fully and presented conditions under which he might remain here.

Whatever decision the committee reached, if any, was not made public, but probably was referred to Dr. Louis D. Coffman, president of the university, who is in Washington, D. C., and who is expected to return Sunday. Dr. Coffman said at Washington last night he had wired Dr. Spears to withhold his final decision until the president could confer with him. Whether Dr. Spears will accede to this, was not learned here.

Dr. Spears came to Minnesota five years ago from West Virginia university. During his tenure as coach at Minnesota, the Gophers

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OREGON JUDGES ASK MORE FEDERAL COIN FOR ROAD BUILDING
PORTLAND, Jan. 16.—L. M. Schannep, county judge of Yamhill county, will head the Oregon association of county judges and commissioners this year. Judge Schannep was elected president of the state organization yesterday at the concluding business session.

A resolution was adopted by the organization asking the Oregon delegation in congress to work for passage of a pending measure which would increase the amount of federal aid in states in road building to \$125,000,000 annually.

Another resolution urged that the counties' share of revenue from federal forest lands in the boundaries be increased to fifty percent, a hundred per cent increase. This money is derived principally from timber sales and grazing fees.

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La Verne Hawn, general chairman for the show, announced that good response is being shown throughout the city and that ticket sales are expected for the two-day showing of the picture on January 23-24.

Ray Goodman, pianist of the club, entertained members last night with three piano solos and Ed Squier favored those present with a unique reading.

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(Associated Press Leased Wire)
LONDON, Jan. 16.—A dispatch from Athens, Greece, to the London Daily Express, states that a child was in a fever after blinding of 10 children by administration of drugs at an eye clinic at Ksarion, near there.

The children had been taken to the clinic to have their sight tested. Attendants mistook a powerful cauterizing fluid for a medicinal eye wash and applied it to the eyes of the children before the mistake was discovered. It is feared all were blinded permanently.

The attitude of the Athens populace was so menacing that the minister of health was obliged to order prosecution of all oculists concerned in the administration of the clinic.

It was said in addition the children were taken to a room where other patients had been treated for various infectious diseases, and where generally unclean and dangerous conditions prevailed.

Psittacosis Ruse Fails To Remove Parrot

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—By this time almost everyone knows about psittacosis, including Ben Plonsky. "Come," telephoned Plonsky to Dr. William Tyler of the health department, "and get my parrot. He is a psittacosis menace to the community."

Dr. Tyler was surprised, because Chicago parrots have demonstrated a state of health best describable as grand. The chamber of commerce suggests the glorious Chicago climate is practically psittacosis-proof.

Be that as it may, the doctor gave the Plonsky parrot a thorough physical examination. He found the parrot's pulse normal, lungs uncongested, and tongue uncoated. He duly reported same to Plonsky and Mrs. Plonsky.

"Of course the parrot's healthy," said Mrs. Plonsky, "and I certainly would object seriously to any effort to remove him."

Plonsky followed Dr. Tyler to the door.

"I am sure the parrot is one of those psittacosis kind," he whispered. "If he isn't, he should be. It's a pest. If you only could have found some excuse to take him away."

"Anyway," sighed Plonsky, "that psittacosis was a swell idea."

UNCEASING WAR ON LIQUOR VOWED BY U. S. DRY LEAGUE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
DETROIT, Jan. 16.—The policies and aims of the anti-saloon league of America were outlined here today by Dr. Ernest H. Cherrington, director of the department of education, public health and research, in an address before the twenty-fourth biennial national convention of the league.

"We stand today," he said, "for the realization of the announced program of the president of the United States, who, more than any other chief executive of the nation, has definitely committed himself and his administration to the task of securing enforcement of prohibition. We stand for adequate appropriations to meet the demand for making the eighteenth amendment fully effective."

Non-Partisanship
Dr. Cherrington said that while the league does not espouse the cause of any specific political party, it is its definite policy to use its strength "in the effort to prevent the election or appointment of officials whose records and attitudes do not inspire a sympathetic and aggressive policy toward prohibition enforcement."

"The fortunes of prohibition and those of social reforms are one," Dr. Cherrington states, adding that "the major task of the league is to get the truth to the people," with special emphasis to those of the coming generations "who never knew at first hand the beverage

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CITY BANKS EXPERIENCE BEST YEAR

Deposits End of 1929 At Record Mark.

Four Institutions Report Aggregate Total Sum of \$3,798,695.

PRUNES, TURKEYS AID Flourishing Conditions of Agricultural Industries Attested; Old Debts Are Liquidated.

Roseburg bank deposits at the close of business December 31, 1929, were the largest in the history of the city at any national call, local bankers announce, reporting an unusual banking conditions for 1929. The past year, the bankers state, shows a better condition of prosperity than for the preceding five years, and was particularly marked by the liquidation of old indebtedness.

Bank deposits at the time of the national call, which was for December 31, showed a total money in the four local banks amounting to \$3,798,695.20, a gain of more than \$300,000 since October, despite the withdrawal of a large amount of O. and C. grant land money held by Douglas county and used for payment of bonds. The increase is due largely to the receipt of money for prizes and turkeys, bankers state.

At the time of the October call, Roseburg was in 11th place among the cities of the state, and the per capita deposits were higher than in practically any other city of Oregon.

The December call, it is believed, will put Roseburg within the first ten cities in Oregon in the amount of deposits, the figures, however, not yet being available.

Advance Expected
At the time of the October call the cities of the state listed deposits in the following order: Portland, Salem, Eugene, Pendleton, Klamath Falls, Medford, Baker, Oregon City, Corvallis, Marshfield and Roseburg. The Dallas, Albany, La Grande and Astoria followed next in order. Roseburg was only \$200,000 behind Corvallis, which was in 9th place. The large increase in December is expected to advance Roseburg ahead of both of these cities.

Farming Status Better
During 1929 more old debts were retired than at any other time within the past five years, the bankers report. Farmers' and

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