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The Weather
Highest temperature yesterday - 56
Lowest temperature last night - 44
Forecast for interior southwest Oregon: Occasional rain tonight and Saturday, clearing Saturday; temperature above normal.

By FRANK JENKINS
NEWSPAPER men of Oregon, going to Eugene today for their annual midwinter conference, will ride in their own cars—big, high-powered ones, for the most part.

A few years ago they would have come in on the trains, RIDING ON PASSES issued by railroad men who were looking for political favor, and wanted the help of the newspapers in getting them.

THE newspaper man of the old days, who rode on a pass, wasn't his own boss. Favors, you know, entail obligations. The fellow who scratches YOUR back wants HIS back scratched in return. That is the way of the world.

The newspaper man of today, who pays for what he gets with a check on his OWN bank account, is in a position to look all comers in the eye.

YET there are silly, ignorant people who tell us that the newspapers of today have deteriorated sadly from the high standards of earlier days; that they no longer possess the independence of a generation ago.

That is false. The newspapers of today are MORE independent, more able and willing to speak their own opinions, they are freer from dictation, than the newspapers of any preceding age.

They are independent because they stand on their own feet as sound business institutions. They can AFFORD to be independent.

THE newspaper man of an earlier day worked in a cobwebby office, on a desk piled high with the accumulated papers of a year past.

His modern descendant insists upon clean surroundings, up-to-date equipment and a desk that is cleared at the end of each day's labors.

SO MUCH for changes that have come about. Here is a condition that HASN'T changed:

Newspapers disseminate IDEAS. They have always done that. Just as long as they continue to disseminate ideas, they will be useful beyond the power of measurement, justifying fully the importance of the place they hold in the community.

It is by disseminating ideas that the newspapers are able to exercise leadership.

THE state of Oregon needs leadership.

Oregon, for example, was the first state in the Union to develop the 500-egg flock. Yet Oregon lags far behind her neighboring states in egg production, shipping out of her borders only ONE car of eggs for each FIVE cars shipped out by Washington and California.

ANY time within the past two decades, at least three-fourths of all the world record Jersey cows in the United States have been owned in Oregon.

Yet this state is far down toward the bottom in the list of the nation's great dairying states.

THE railroads have fallen over themselves in their eagerness to provide Washington and California with great transcontinental

gold mine.

It was the same kind of laugh as that he enjoyed after the "bat" of Wingate Pass proved to be a hoax. The battle occurred while Scotty was leading a group of tourists through Wingate Pass to Death Valley. A group of amply masked men stepped into their path and Scotty opened fire. All the robbers fell wounded, or so the tourists thought. When the sheriff gathered up the "wounded" men, he found they were Bill Scott, Death Valley Scotty's brother, and a group of his friends. The sheriff said the truth was Bill Scott was wounded in a fashion that caused him to sleep on his stomach for a week, and that he said some hard things about his brother.

U. S.-BRITISH
NAVAL PARITY
BASIS DRAWN

Stimson, With Accord of
Premier MacDonald,
Outlines Plan of
Limitations.

Tonnage Equality on 5-5-3
Ratio O. K'd by Japan;
French and Italian
Problem Hard.

(Associated Press London Wire)
LONDON, Feb. 7.—Immediate naval parity with Great Britain was proposed by Colonel Henry L. Stimson, head of the American delegation to the five-power conference, who in a lengthy statement to the press epitomized American naval limitation aims and ideals and revealed the points on which progress had been made.

While Colonel Stimson's statement merely said "our delegation has made suggestions," it was known to have been published with Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald's knowledge, and was understood to carry with it British agreement.

Of Japan it was said "suggestions" had been made which "would produce an 'over all' relation satisfactory to us, and, we hope, to them. In conformity with our relations in the past it is not based upon the same ratio in every class of ships."

Colonel Stimson, concluding, made reference to the French-Italian naval relationship problem, by many considered the hardest nut the conference has to crack, saying:

"We have not made proposals to the French and Italians, whose problems are not so directly related to ours that we feel it appropriate at this time to make suggestions to them. A settlement of Italian and of French problems is essential, of course, to the agreement contemplated."

Progress Evidenced
The effect of the statement in conference circles could not be under-estimated. It was accepted as denoting the most tangible progress thus far vouchsafed by any delegation, and as—perhaps too sanguinely—indicating basis of agreement between the three large powers represented at the conference.

Predictions were heard that within two weeks the conference would begin the work of drafting a naval limitation treaty. There was even talk of conclusion of its

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300 EXPECTED AT
CHURCH MEETING
HERE MARCH 4TH

Dr. M. A. Marcy, district superintendent for the Methodist Episcopal church, and C. A. Edwards, local pastor, program chairman for the district men's conference, will be held here March 4, have completed the arrangements for the meeting, which is expected to be attended by at least 300 men.

The committee has met with a great disappointment in the fact that Signor Mario Caponeggi, the famous American-Italian tenor, will be unable to remain for the evening program. It had been hoped that he might be presented at a public concert.

Arrangements are being made for a joint meeting of the service clubs of the city at noon on March 4, at which time the singer will give a 20-minute concert. He will also sing at an open meeting for ladies at the Presbyterian church in the afternoon.

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County Turkey
Pool Is Bought
by Californians

Herbert Beyers, manager of the Douglas Cooperative Turkey Growers, announced this morning that the sale of the February pool has been completed. California firms will take the four carloads of birds expected to make up the pool and will pay as follows: Prime young toms, 35 cents; choice young toms, 32 cents; prime young hens, 32 cents; choice young hens, 29 cents; medium 25 cents; commons, 20 cents. These prices are not to the grower and are the highest to be paid during the season. The directors feel that the market has about reached its peak and are well pleased with the prices obtained.

The loading dates are Eugene, Feb. 12; Yoncalla, Feb. 13; Oakland, Feb. 14; Roseburg, Feb. 15.

Mr. Beyers states that an inventory request is being mailed to the growers within the next few days and if there are sufficient birds held over plans will be made for a less-than-carload shipment about the first of March.

HOUSEWIVES, IN
GREATER NUMBER,
AIDED BY SCHOOL

Greatly increasing interest is being shown in the News-Review cooking school which closes today at the armory. Attendance yesterday was nearly double that of any school of similar kind held in Roseburg previously. Despite the fact that nearly 200 additional chairs were placed on the main floor yesterday morning, it was necessary to use the balcony again for late comers. In order to obtain good seats many housewives came an hour or more before 1 o'clock and waited through the hour before the school started.

Attendance from outside districts was excellent again yesterday, nearly 100 women from other towns of the county or from rural districts near Roseburg being present.

Miss Cameron gave a great many interesting suggestions yesterday regarding preparation of meats. Housewives have found her suggestions and recipes are so practical and may be utilized in any home. She carefully avoids expensive dishes and presents unique ways of cooking the more simple foods that enter into the menu of the average home, thereby providing a wider variety and new ways of dressing up familiar dishes to make them more tempting.

At the school today Miss Cameron is devoting the major portion of the time to the preparation of pies, cakes and other pastries.

A great feature yesterday was the ice cream treat furnished by the Douglas County creamery. Nearly 600 full-size packages of "gold kandy," the delicious, new cream confection, recently placed upon the local market, were distributed to all persons present through the courtesy of the creamery company, and were greatly appreciated.

The model bakery continued its booth also yesterday, serving delicious cakes and cookies.

These refreshments were doubly appreciated, as appetites had been keenly whetted by the savory foods spread out by Miss Cameron during her school.

WOMAN, FOUR-TIME
OFFENDER, DRAWS
LIFE SENTENCE

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Helen Rosen, 29 years old, with a police record as a shoplifter, was in jail today under life sentence as the first woman convicted as a fourth offender under the Baumes habitual criminal law.

She was sentenced yesterday after a jury, deliberating 15 minutes, decided that four pleas of guilty, which she had entered to charges of shoplifting during the past ten years, brought her under the provisions of the Baumes law.

When sentence was pronounced by Judge Max S. Levine, the woman, now known as Mrs. Ruth St. Clair, fainted. She was restored and carried hysterical from the court room.

A summons was issued for Edward L. Garvey, a lawyer, who was accused by a store proprietor of attempting to bribe him with \$500 to drop his charge against the woman.

SCRIP ISSUED
IN CHICAGO TO
MEET CLAIMS

City Employees Must Take
Chances on Amount of
Money Such Paper
Will Bring.

Policemen, Firemen, Other
Claimants Paid; Over
Four Million Due
to Teachers.

(Associated Press Chicago Wire)
CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—The city today began paying off some bills and some employees—in scrip.

Tax anticipation warrants, bearing the signatures of Mayor Thompson and Deputy Comptroller Victor Peterson were made available to policemen, firemen and other employees who expressed a willingness to accept them. There was no general issuance of the warrants, however. Those who wanted to be paid with scrip were obliged to appear at the comptroller's office and request them. The problem of cashing the warrants rested entirely with those who received them. In cases where employees found themselves financially able to retain the tax warrants, they possessed paper calling for six percent interest.

No Money for Teachers
Although it was pay day for school teachers, they received no money. H. Wallace Caldwell, president of the school board, is in New York City seeking money to meet the school payrolls. The total now due the teachers, who have not been paid since Christmas eve, exceeds \$4,455,000.

Issuance of tax anticipation warrants in the manner begun today has been opposed by the Strawn citizens' relief committee on the grounds that warrants distributed in small denominations probably would be sold by needy employees at a discount, thereby hurting the city's chances of selling large blocks of warrants to the committee's rescue pool or to banks.

Several department stores have indicated they will accept the warrants at face value. It also was believed that many banks will accept them as collateral to borrow clients, and that others will arrange to make cash loans with the warrants as security.

City controller George K. Schmidt was to confer today with Herbert C. Heller, head of a New York investment house specializing in tax warrants. Heller was understood to have a plan for disposal of warrants in large blocks, but it was not indicated what it was.

Plea to Governor
New efforts to have Gov. Em-
merson call a special legislative
session to afford relief to city and

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FEDERAL MONEY
IN LIEU OF TAXES
ASKED BY KLAMATH

(Associated Press Portland Wire)
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 7.—In a special dispatch from its Washington, D. C., correspondent, the Oregonian said today that congress will be asked soon to provide for an annual payment to Klamath county by the federal government of a sum approximately \$450,000 in lieu of taxes which the county failed to receive because the lands of the Klamath Indian reservation are non-taxable.

This decision was reached at a conference between Senators McNary and Steiwer, Representative Butler of the Dalles, Ben Williams, Klamath Falls, a member of the house of commerce committee.

Most of the conference was spent in deciding whether the bill should pertain to all counties which contain Indian reservations in 18 or 20 states and whether it should be made retroactive in 1913 as far as Klamath county is concerned providing for payment of some \$450,000 in taxes already lost by the county since that year.

The county court today received blueprints and specifications for work to be done on a six-mile stretch of the Prongue highway between Scottsburg and Drain. The work is to be done this year from Scottsburg east, and the county court is asked to secure rights of way where changes are being made. The entire road is being put on a better alignment and made the section from Drain to Hunlock mountain having been improved last year.

The project this year calls for the expenditure of about \$170,000 with the government, county and super road participating on a 60-20-20 basis. The county court, in addition to its share in the operation, is required to furnish the right-of-way.

OUSTED HARVARD
MAN ACCUSED OF
BLACKMAIL PLOT

(Associated Press Boston Wire)
BOSTON, Feb. 7.—A 25-year-old former Harvard student, Allan E. Burke, was held today on a warrant charging him with being the author of a \$5,000 blackmail threat aimed at the debutante daughter of Donald McKay Frost, Boston lawyer.

Investigation by police and private agencies, with the surveillance of Burke and his associates the past week, led to his arrest late last night. The arrest of other persons, including a woman police said, is expected.

On January 24 the Frost family received a letter threatening that the character of the Frost name would be ruined unless \$5,000 was paid. No money was left and police watched in vain.

A telephone call, another letter and two telegrams the next day repeated the demand, warning "last chance tonight between 8 and 9. Newspapers are ready for story." The signature "X" was attached. A decoy package was left but no one tried to secure it.

Police said a telegraph operator at a hotel has identified Burke as the man who sent one telegram. A handwriting expert compared his writing with the blackmail letter and his arrest followed.

Burke was dropped from Harvard at the end of his freshman year in 1924 for failure in his studies and in recent years had been an interior decorator and sold antiques. His home is in Brookline and his family is socially prominent.

KLAMATH INDIAN
RESERVATION MEN
SCORED IN REPORT

(Associated Press Portland Wire)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Retention of present government officials at the Klamath Indian reservation in Oregon was declared "indisensible" in a report submitted to the senate today from the Indian affairs committee.

The report cited a long list of complaints against the superintendent, L. D. Arnold, and the financial clerk, R. W. Wheat, and asserted: "Their retention in the Indian service in any capacity appears to the subcommittee as highly doubtful procedure, but their continuance at the Klamath reservation appears to the subcommittee indefensible."

"From the evidence taken," the report said, "the subcommittee is convinced that there has been a decided lack of cooperation on the part of Superintendent Arnold and Financial Clerk Wheat with the Indians; that they have been extravagant with the money and wasteful of the property entrusted to their supervision; that the great majority of the Klamath Indians have lost all confidence in their officials, thus making it impossible to have anything like a satisfactory situation."

Klamath Indians sent a special representative to Washington demanding the dismissal of Arnold and Wheat.

"The attempted justification by the Indian bureau witnesses of the retention of Superintendent Arnold and Financial Clerk Wheat at the Klamath reservation was, in the judgment of the subcommittee, wholly unconvincing," the report continued.

The subcommittee recognized the fact that the present commissioner and assistant commissioner have been in office only since July 1 and that they are in no way responsible for the policies or actions of their predecessors, yet, in consideration of the inherent rights and welfare of Indians, the subcommittee is convinced that decisive action must be taken and a determined policy must be put into operation at once in order to correct deplorable existing conditions."

ERB'S INJURIES
ARE NOT SERIOUS
GRANTS PASS, Ore., Feb. 7.—Physicians attending Charles Erb, former member of the University of California football team, announced today the injuries he received yesterday when his automobile crashed into a tent on a first thought.

The light automobile Erb was driving from California to Olympia, Wash. his home city, telephoned and crumpled Erb to the top.

DRYS PERIL
G. O. P., SAYS
LAWMAKER

Congressman Beck States
Party Will Be Ruined
If It Sells Soul
to "Fanatics."

Volstead Act Described as
Iniquity and Folly and
Breeder of Nation
of Hypocrites.

(Associated Press London Wire)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Predicting the destruction of the powerful republican party if it continues to "sell its soul to the fanatical dries," Representative Beck, republican, Pennsylvania, today declared in the house that prohibition was "a cancer-eating away the moral fibre of the American people."

Beck, a former solicitor general of the United States, recognized throughout the country as an authority on constitutional law, declared that "the party of prohibition," it will perish.

"The republican party," he asserted, "cannot hold forever a larger number of self-respecting men and women, to whom the intolerance of prohibition is a moral affront. It cannot be 'half wet and half dry.'"

State Rights Favored
Beck said that prohibition had produced a "colossal hypocrisy" which would sweep only the more at increased efforts to enforce the dry laws. While the Pennsylvania saw little immediate possibility of repeal of the eighteenth amendment, he suggested that living generations were given the power to determine whether its provisions should be exercised and in what manner.

"Even if this were not so," he continued, "congress could, without any violation of the constitution, reach the conclusion that the methods of enforcement and the actual enforcement of the eighteenth amendment are indefensible."

BOOZE INDICTMENT
OF LAWMAKER AND
AIDE IS ASSAILED

(Associated Press Portland Wire)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—A demurrer has been filed attacking the validity of the indictment charging Representative Denison of Illinois and John Layne, his former secretary, with possessing intoxicating liquor.

The brief, filed by attorneys for the two, contends that the indictment returned by a District of Columbia grand jury is so vague that a judgment returned upon it would not protect the defendants from another prosecution for the same offense.

It also set forth that the indictment did not specify the kind or quantity of liquor it charged was found in a trunk in Denison's office in the house in office building. The demurrer added that there was no definition of time or place or how the alleged offense was committed or how he came into possession of the liquor.

The contention also was raised that while the indictment charged the two with possessing liquor, it did not show the acts of either or both of the defendants specifically constituting possession.

Denison and Layne were indicted recently and gave bond for their appearance in court.

BANDIT CRAZED BY
"DOPE" LOOTS TWO
TACOMA CONCERNS
(Associated Press Portland Wire)
TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 7.—Two daring robberies were committed by business centers here this morning by a dope-crazed bandit who obtained \$100 in cash and a quantity of morphine from drugstores.

Both robberies were committed by the same man, who escaped in an automobile driven by a woman. The automobile used in believe by police to have been the one stolen early this morning in Seattle by a man and a woman after holding up a driver for the Lake Taxi company.

Woman Spurns
Dry Pledge and
Remains in Jail

(Associated Press Portland Wire)
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 7.—Mrs. Rose Butler, 45, who has served 45 days of the 155-day jail sentence imposed upon her when she was convicted of making home brew, remained in the county jail today, adamant to the offer of Municipal Judge Tomlinson to free her if she signed a pledge never to make beer again.

Ill and suffering from a recent operation, Mrs. Butler refused to sign the pledge, which, she said, would make her a ward of the county.

"I have a son who also is ill a great deal of the time," Mrs. Butler told Judge Tomlinson. "When he is well he earns our support and then I do not have to make beer. When he is ill I am kept at home and to support ourselves I must make beer."

Mrs. Butler, who faces 110 more days in jail to complete the sentence passed after she refused to pay a fine, said "it is either beer or no income; no income and we will become wards of the county and I won't do that."

The judge said the pledge release still stands.

2 PRO-RUBIO MEN
ASSASSINATED AT
MEXICAN JUBILEE

(Associated Press Mexico City Wire)
MEXICO CITY, Feb. 7.—Both the incoming and outgoing mayors of the town of Villa Alamos, near here, were assassinated Wednesday night as they celebrated inauguration of the new municipal government.

The two men were at a party given in their honor and in honor of the newly-elected beauty queen for a forthcoming carnival. When an unidentified man in the party opened fire with a pistol, shooting both.

The assassins escaped and the mayors were brought toward Tampico in an automobile, the outgoing mayor, Martin Martinez, dying en route. The incoming mayor, Cleofe Rodriguez, died soon after reaching this city.

Rubio Foreman Honored
Troops were held in their barracks here throughout yesterday as a precautionary measure consequent to public excitement after the attempt against the life of President Ortiz Rubio. There were no disturbances.

Women adherents of Jose Vasconcelos, defeated presidential candidate, stood as guard of honor all Wednesday, the day of President Ortiz Rubio's inauguration, at the tomb of Aurelio Celis, Vasconcelos, who was assassinated in Tampico during the last presidential campaign.

Suspects Rounded Up
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UTAH MINE
BLAST TAKES
LIVES OF 21

Carbon Monoxide Gas
Fumes Deal Death
During Night
Operation.

Four of Shift of 30 Men
Escape by Their Own
Efforts, 5 Others
Are Rescued.

(Associated Press Salt Lake City Wire)
SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 7.—Twenty-one miners were dead today and five others were rescued from the lower pockets of a coal mine at Standardville, Utah, following a terrific explosion which rocked the mountainside late last night and crumbled the walls of the colliery. Four men escaped alive by their own efforts.

The five men rescued had barricaded themselves against the deadly fumes of the carbon monoxide gas and had not suffered any ill effects, it was stated at the office of the mining company.

With the mine cleared of the gas fumes through restoration of the ventilating system, and with very little debris thrown down by the explosion, it was declared that the rescuers did not find their way in the mine seriously impeded.

Cause of the terrific blast was not determined but the deadly gas

BLACK AND WHITE
WEDDING AROUSES
SENATOR HEFLIN

(Associated Press Washington Wire)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Senator Copeland, democrat, New York, demanded in the senate today that a letter written by Senator Hefflin, democrat, Alabama, commenting on intermarriage of whites and negroes, be expunged from the congressional record where it was placed yesterday by Hefflin.

The letter related to the recent marriage of Phil Edwards, negro captain of the New York university track team, to a white girl.

Senator Copeland described the letter as "decidedly offensive to my state" and asked Hefflin to withdraw it. Hefflin refused to withdraw the letter and when he started to speak on the subject, Copeland interrupted with a point of order.

The presiding officer ruled that Copeland's motion to expunge the letter was not in order. Hefflin then proceeded to speak.

"This is a stretch in the nostrils of the people of any city," asserted the Alabamaan. "I haven't reflected upon the people of New York City. I have reflected upon the Roman Catholic Tammany regime."

Hefflin then asked that his letter be read and there was no objection. His letter was written in reply to a letter received from Sam H. Reading of Philadelphia, calling attention to the marriage of Edwards.

Hefflin in the letter attacked what he termed "the Tammany organization" for not preventing the marriage and also assailed the Catholic church.

Death Valley Gold Mine Legend
Exploded by Scotty, Following
Ruinous Plunge in Stock Market

(Associated Press Los Angeles Wire)
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7.—The mysterious desert gold mine from which "Death Valley Scotty," less familiarly known as Walter Scott, dug the \$6,000,000 he recently said he lost in the stock market crash, and the loss itself, took place today in the land of bursted bubbles.

Scotty, most picturesque character of America's desert, dispelled the fictitious cloud of wealth that has hung over him for 40 years with the simple statement, "That ain't no gold mine, and that never was."

He has just returned here from Chicago, where he interrupted his trip to "gay Paree" with the statement he was "broke," washed up, cleaned out in the stock market. He gave his red tie a flick and waved his tongue and hat, and told all within hearing distance he had lived on other people's money and was, in truth, Death Valley's press agent par excellence. He took occasion to laugh at jealous miners who tried to track him across western waste lands in the hope of locating his fabulous