

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Increasing cloudiness tonight and Saturday; unsettled west; no change in temperature.
Roseburg and vicinity: Increasing cloudiness and somewhat unsettled; not much change in temp.

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THE DOUGLAS COUNTY DAILY

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Highest temperature yesterday 58
Lowest temperature last night 32
Precipitation, last 24 hours .00
Precip. since first of month .91
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1930 11.17
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1930 10.26

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Editorials
on the
Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
EDGAR LEE MASTERS writes a book stirring Lincoln, calling him little and narrow and self-seeking.
One instinctively asks: "Who is this Masters?" One instinctively says: "The great and good Lincoln."

REPRESENTATIVE CRAIL, of California, says Masters' book is filthy and indecent, and should be barred from the mails.
Probably it is, all of that. But it is better to let it die under silent contempt than to dignify it by barring it from the mails by an act of congress.

AN unemployed man, so we read in the papers, stands at the corner of Market and Montgomery streets in San Francisco selling apples—or trying to, for few are sold.
Then a friend comes along with a tame opossum that does amusing antics; a crowd gathers and the apples begin to sell briskly until in a short time two boxes of them are gone at a nickel apiece.

THE 'possum added nothing to the worthiness of the cause in whose name the apples were being sold. It added nothing to the flavor of the apples—which were from Oregon, and therefore of a flavor unsurpassed.

Why did people begin to buy when the 'possum came along and entered the scene, whereas they had NOT been buying before?
Here is the only possible answer: "Because the 'possum added the element of novelty."

SO here is a good rule, if you have something to sell, and want to SELL it:
"Get novelty into your selling methods."

SIR CHARLES PARSONS, inventor of the turbine engine, dies, and his death is considered sufficiently important to be wired all over the world and printed on the front page of this and other newspapers.

Why? Because he thought of something new and BETTER that benefited humanity.
YOU are familiar with the name of James Watt, because it was James Watt who invented the steam engine.

He sat before his mother's stove and watched the steam lifting the lid of the teakettle. From that casual observation came the idea of the power inherent in steam.
This power was harnessed, and the result was the steam engine, which revolutionized industry.

JAMES WATT'S engine was crude and imperfect. As the piston reached each end of the cylinder, a boy had to turn a valve, reversing the direction of the steam and pushing the piston back the other way.

DEATH TAKES
MRS. WILLIS
AT AGE OF 86

Resident of Roseburg Many Years, Pioneer School Teacher Passes on at Her Home.

Mrs. William R. Willis, 86, a resident of Douglas county since 1862, one of Roseburg's best known ladies, died very suddenly late yesterday evening at her home in the public library building. Mrs. Willis was apparently in her usual health yesterday, and entertained company in the afternoon. Late in the evening she collapsed from a stroke of apoplexy after ascending the stairs to her apartment, and died within a few minutes.

Mrs. Willis, whose maiden name was Caroline Haines, was born in Pekin, Tazewell county, Illinois, January 30, 1845, and moved with her parents, Alfred and Sarah Nixon Haines, to Oregon in 1862. The family settled on a farm near Elkton, where she lived, while not engaged in teaching school in various parts of the country.

Weds Pioneer Lawyer
She was married September 19, 1866, to Judge William R. Willis, who came to Douglas county in 1853, and was one of the outstanding lawyers of his time, serving as the first justice of the peace in Douglas county, mayor of Roseburg, county judge from 1860 to 1864, and in numerous other public offices. He bore the distinction of trying more cases, as a lawyer, before the supreme court of Oregon, than any other attorney in its history.

The Willis home, over which she presided, was for many years one of the most beautiful in Roseburg. It was located where the Perkins building now stands, the grounds including the entire half block. At the time the Perkins building was constructed, the house was moved, and was later acquired by the city as a public library, for which purpose it is still used. Mrs. Willis maintained her apartment upstairs, living continuously in the house since its construction.

Floriculture Devotee
She was an ardent floriculturist and lover of trees and the grounds surrounding her home were among the most beautiful in the state. She personally planted most of the trees and shrubs at the present site of the public library and per-

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PROPERTY OWNERS
ASSAIL APPRAISALS

Several residents of the Hancock mountain district, on the Drain-Reedsford road, appeared before the county court today to protest the findings of the viewers who fixed valuations for rights of way on the road west of the proposed tunnel. It will be necessary to build slightly more than a mile of road from the tunnel to connect with the present road at the west end of the mountain. The viewers inspected the property to be used for right of way and fixed the damages to be paid by the court. Several of the residents claim that the amounts were not sufficient and appear this morning to protest the county court action. Her sister, Mrs. Martha Thomas, of Glendale, Cal., said Mrs. Burch had been despondent over marital troubles and had attempted to commit suicide.

Better Local Government
Less Centralization, Need
Of U. S., Hoover, Declares

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Through a microphone placed upon the table at which Abraham Lincoln signed the emancipation proclamation, President Hoover told the American people last night that the present furnishes a critical test for the principles and ideals of his great predecessor.

Today as in Lincoln's day, he told his radio audience, states rights, the relationship of federal, state and local government responsibilities, form the dominant problem.
"Victory over this depression and over our other difficulties," he said, "will be won by the resolution of our people to fight their own battles in their own communities, by stimulating their ingenuity to solve their own problems, by taking new courage to be masters of their own destiny in the struggle of life. This is not the easy way, but it is the American way. And it is Lincoln's way."

You will find Lincoln addressing the country in strong and urgent support of the protective tariff. . . . You will find him advocating federal aid in internal de-

Minister's Daughter
Arrested for Holdups



Clara Ethel Lewis, 17-year-old daughter of a minister of Charleston, W. Va., who used in which it is charged, she used in staging two hold-ups. She was arrested attempting her third stickup in two days. Clara says she did it for a thrill and insists that she can't use a gun.

COMMONS DOWNS
PROHIBITION BILL

Lady Astor, Dry, but For Local Option, Central Figure of Debate.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The house of commons, by a vote of 137 to 18, today rejected the bill which would have prohibited the use of alcoholic liquors, as beverages throughout the United Kingdom.

Lady Nancy Astor, Virginia's contribution to the British house of commons, had members of that august body alternately laughing and gnashing, when she took the floor in debate on the bill.

Lady Astor in a slashing and sometimes vitriolic speech, made it clear that she is against liquor, but did not believe in tackling the problem in the way suggested in the bill.

Numerous interjections were made by Lady Astor while other speakers were on their feet. She protested vigorously when the conservative, Sir William Wayland, said Americans were drinking more under prohibition than before.

TROUBLED WOMAN
ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 13.—Mrs. Mary Thomas Burch, 32, of Oregon City, Ore., was brought to a hospital today suffering from a deep knife wound in her abdomen. Her sister, Mrs. Martha Thomas, of Glendale, Cal., said Mrs. Burch had been despondent over marital troubles and had attempted to commit suicide.

WARS AGAINST SUPERSTATE

But it was to centralization of government that Mr. Hoover devoted his principal attention. If the federal government continued to take over new responsibilities, he warned, it could lead "but to the superstate where every man becomes the servant of the state and real liberty is lost."

"Such was not the government that Lincoln sought to build," he added.

VANDERBILT
DISPLEASED IN
ROLE OF 'GOAT'

Gives Version of Mussolini Affair and Threatens to Sue Butler in Case of "Overt Act."

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 13.—Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr., today told his version of the Mussolini hit man story for which Major General Smedley D. Butler was ordered to face court martial, and asserted the anecdote would have "proved merely a squib compared to issues which testimony taking would have made public" had the court martial not been called off.

Vanderbilt said General Butler "took a story of mine, twisted it around to score a point for himself, and made me the goat."

"Testimony I would have given at Butler's court martial," Vanderbilt said, "would have brought out statements made by the general at a gathering of members of the American Affiliated Lecture Bureau last November."

"These statements," he said, "concerned 'failure of a foreign power to live up to the terms of the naval pact entered into last year between the United States, Great Britain and Japan.'"

Vanderbilt said the third speaker at the November meeting of the lecture bureau in New York, at which he and Butler spoke, was "an official of a foreign government."

Child Hit; Car Keeps on
Vanderbilt's story of the Mussolini incident was as follows:
"I was riding a motorcycle, who drove a small child ran in front of the machine at a sharp turn in the road and was hit. I looked back to see if the child was hurt. Mussolini placed his hand on my knee and said 'never look back, Vanderbilt; always look ahead in life.'"

Butler heard the story in a confidential meeting, Vanderbilt said.
"Mi quoting claimed
If I had been called to the stand I should have been prepared with 40 affidavits from persons bearing me out in my contention that General Butler misquoted me. I should have been forced to tell what the other two speakers, including General Butler, said in November."

JAPAN WILL GIVE
BALLOT TO WOMEN

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
TOKYO, Feb. 13.—Voting with the majority party for the favor of Japanese women in politics, the opposition Seiyukai party today introduced a bill in the lower house which would extend suffrage to women over 20 years old. The women would be given equal rights with men.

GAS-FORMING FIRE
OVERCOMES OVER 100

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 13.—Fred L. Peacock, 15, alias Fred Johnson, was held in jail here today after police said he confessed his reputed explanation of the origin of the fire in the Oakland horse show last Monday was a fabrication. He was charged with auto theft when police found an automobile in his possession which they say was stolen in Oakland Feb. 9.

Several hours' struggle ensued which ended with 150 nude Doukhobors of both sexes being engaged in a demonstration. Reason for the decree was not made clear to police.

Crazed Plane
Passenger Puts
Lives in Peril

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
DETROIT, Feb. 13.—A man who endangered the lives of two fellow passengers and the pilot of a Chicago-Detroit airplane with his eccentric actions yesterday was under observation in the psychiatric ward of a hospital today.

He is James J. Mangan, about 35, advertising manager for a Chicago novelty company. The reason for his strange actions has not been determined by hospital officials, but one of the physicians said last night there might have been a manifestation of air sickness.

Louis Steward, the pilot, said Mangan leaped from his seat, shouting at the top of his voice, when the plane was over South Bend, Ind., and tried several times to climb into the control room of the plane, shouting that he wanted "to help you run this plane."

Then Steward said, "he would run back and forth in the plane once in a while opening the door and throwing out money." The other passengers were terrified, the pilot said.

By fighting Mangan off with one hand while he attempted to enter the control room, Steward brought the plane safely to land at city airport. There, four policemen removed Mangan from the ship and took him to the hospital.

SALEM MAN NEAR
DEATH FROM SHOT

Suicidal Act of T. E. Byrd
Ascribed to Illness and Family Troubles.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SALEM, Feb. 13.—Theodore E. Byrd, 32, district manager for the Eureka Vacuum Cleaner company, shot himself with suicidal intent through the right temple while living in a room at the Salem hotel this forenoon, according to Dr. G. E. Prime, attending physician, Byrd had no chance for recovery and his death at the Willamette sanitarium, where he was taken following the shooting, is expected within a few hours.

The cause of Byrd's attempt at suicide was a combination of illness and despondency through brooding over family affairs, according to a Mr. Downing, fellow worker. He had been divorced from his wife, who is believed to be living in North Dakota.

STOLEN WORTHLESS
CURRENCY IS FOUND

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The worthless mutilated currency stolen by thugs early yesterday in the union station was discovered by police in an up-town alley.

In another alley nearby, police found several packages of shotgun shells, from which the shot had been extracted and steel slugs inserted. They continued the search for the three or four robbers believed involved in the crime, hoping to connect the abandoned money and the shells.

Oddities Gleaned
From Day's News

GIRL STRANGLERS HERSELF
PLAYING WITH TOWEL
(Associated Press Leased Wire)
DETROIT, Feb. 13.—Playing a strange game of her own devising, Eleanor Gangler, 11, strangled herself accidentally in the kitchen of her home yesterday with a roller towel.

RESOLUTION
WOULD SPEED
LEGISLATURE

Single Session Daily, More Committee Work, Aim of Request—Band Tax Bill Defeated.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SALEM, Feb. 13.—Forenoon sessions of the legislature may be cut out during the remainder of the present legislative period, if a concurrent resolution introduced today by Senator J. E. Bennett is adopted by both houses. Instead the time would be given to committee meetings.

The resolution's preamble explained that since the legislative period is rapidly approaching the normal closing date with much important work yet to be done the committees should be enabled to get pending bills before the two houses for final action. Two sessions during the day, said the resolution, are confusing and make it almost impossible for chairmen of committees, especially the major committees, to get quorums together for business.

New Holiday Asked
April 21 of each year would be designated as "master day" and set apart as a legal holiday by a concurrent resolution introduced by Senator Jay H. Upton and C. Booth. It would be in honor of

USE OF SIREN AS
CUREFW PROTESTED
Numerous complaints have been received by the city council regarding the use of the siren since a curfew signal. The council, in view of the dialing for the present system, is endeavoring to find some other method of sounding the curfew and has a committee now engaged in making an investigation which may lead to the use of either a whistle or a bell for the purpose. The committee is expected to make a report at the next meeting of the council.

MANY HELPED BY
SALVATION ARMY

Meals were furnished to 482 persons and beds provided for 468 during the month of January, according to the report of Envoys and Mrs. B. R. Stufflebeam of the local Salvation Army corps. Relief was provided in various forms for 17 families, and work was secured for 16 persons during the month.

Those in charge of the work report a need for more canned fruit and fresh vegetables, and persons having donations to make should notify the Salvation Army headquarters, Envoy Stufflebeam reports.

OKLAHOMA GUSHER
PERILS OIL FIELD

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 13.—A rampant gusher spotted a threat of fire in the Oklahoma City oil field today.

Twenty families were driven from their suburban homes as clouds of black smoke billowed from the ground in a heavy atmosphere, were borne upon them by a south wind. More than 150 men toiled in a rain through the night building earthen dikes to hold the floods of oil.

The well, No. 4, Mary Jane Unsell of the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil company, broke all connections last night. Its flow was estimated at about 600 barrels an hour.

GLENDALE RE-HIRES
CITY SCHOOL HEAD

GLENDALE, Ore., Feb. 13.—Marion Winslow, principal of the Glendale high school and superintendent of the Glendale schools, has been given a contract for another year, by the Glendale school board.

Hurdles Opposition to
Reserve Board Seat



EUGENE MEYER

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The nomination of Eugene Meyer to be governor of the federal reserve board was approved today by the senate banking committee. The vote was 13 to 3.

Senators Brookhart, Iowa, and Blaine, Wisconsin, republicans, and Fletcher, democrat, Florida, voted against a favorable report.

Brookhart and Fletcher also opposed Meyer in the sub-committee which approved the nomination Wednesday, 3 to 2. Blaine was not on the sub-committee.

U. S. MARINES TO
QUIT NICARAGUA

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The United States is to withdraw marines from Nicaragua.

Acceptance by President Moncada of Nicaragua of a definite plan to substantially reduce marine forces in Nicaragua by June and pave the way for complete withdrawal after the elections of 1932 was announced today by Secretary Stimson.

The marines to be withdrawn by June, plans for which will become immediately effective are those on combat duty against the insurgent forces and total about 800. The remaining marine force will be stationed in Managua, the capital, and will devote their attention solely to training purposes and as an aviation unit required in some section due to lack of roads.

The withdrawal plan is linked with a plan to increase immediately by 500 the Nicaraguan national guard which will wage a vigorous campaign against bandit forces, most prominent among whose leaders was the elusive "General" Sandino.

The augmenting of the national guard will increase its strength to about 2,000.

Agreement Reached Under
Which Local Guard Will
War on Banditry.

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PRISONER IN
COUNTY ROAD
CREW FLEES

F. St. Clair, Moonshiner,
Eludes Men and Hounds
in Region East of
Dixonville.

Fred St. Clair, of Cow creek, who was sentenced December 4 to pay a fine of \$250 and spend six months in the Douglas county jail, for possession of a still, escaped last night from the road crew, and was still at large today, after bloodhounds, brought from Eugene, lost his track after tracing him to a barn, where he apparently went into hiding.

St. Clair was employed with the prison road gang on the Buckhorn road east of Dixonville. While the crew was on the way into town yesterday evening, he dropped off the rear end of the truck, near the Frank Hava place, three miles east of Dixonville, and escaped into the brush.

Sheriff Borrows Dogs
As soon as possible the sheriff's office was notified, and guards were posted at various places in the vicinity. Sheriff Jackson was returning from Salem, where he delivered Richard Avery to the state penitentiary, but was notified of the escape when he arrived in Corvallis.

He stopped in Eugene and secured the services of Vic Castleman and his bloodhounds, the dogs having been used in various hunts in different parts of the state, and reached Roseburg late last night. The dogs were immediately taken to the scene and picked up St. Clair's trail at the point where he left the track.

May Have Used Horse
The fugitive was tracked to the summit of a nearby hill, where he apparently had remained in hiding until dark. He then came down the hill, according to the trail followed by the dogs, and walked along the road to the Douglas Waite place, a distance of four miles, and went into the barn. The dogs followed him to the haymow, where the scent was lost. The officers searched the barn thoroughly, probing the hay and making a careful search of the premises, but were unable to find further traces of the man. No trail led away from the barn, and it is thought possible

CHARGE OF BRIBERY
HITS CONGRESSMAN
(Associated Press Leased Wire)
INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 13.—Harry E. Rowbottom, republican representative in congress from the first Indiana district, was indicted today by a federal grand jury on a charge of accepting bribes for using his influence to obtain post office appointments for persons in his district.

The indictment listed several counts against the congressman, whose home is at Evansville, Ind. Rowbottom, a republican, was arrested a few weeks ago on an affidavit specifically charging the acceptance of \$750 for recommending the appointment of a rural letter carrier.

Birth Control Advocates
Say Plan Will Banish War,
Poverty and Social Evils

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Scores of advocates of birth control packed the committee room today as hearings on the Gillet bill to legalize dissemination of contraceptive information opened before a senate judiciary sub-committee.

The day was to be devoted to hearing proponents of the bill, with tomorrow given over to its opponents.

The bill of Senator Gillett, republican, Massachusetts, was described "as the most important piece of special legislation to come before you at this time or any other time," by Mrs. Thomas N. Hepburn, of Hartford, Connecticut. She declared the question of birth control is at the bottom of all prevailing social ills, including poverty and unemployment.

Mrs. Margaret Sawyer, of New York, the country's foremost birth control advocate, contended the federal law now in force "interferes with laws in 47 states that permit a physician to give his patient scientific contraceptive information."

"The effect of the law is simply to keep alive hypocrisy and evasion," she asserted. "The harm that it has done far outweighs the good."

"It has increased crime, the dissemination of unscientific information and abortion."

New "Bootleg" Trade
Dr. J. Whitridge Williams, of John Hopkins university, declared "a huge bootleg trade has grown

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