

The Weather

Prediction ..... Rain  
Maximum yesterday ..... 47  
Minimum today ..... 35.5

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago

Maximum ..... 41  
Minimum ..... 22

Daily—Seventeenth Year.  
Weekly—Fifty-Second Year.

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## STATE INCOMETAX URGED BY GOV. PIERCE

### ECONOMY! INAUGURAL KEYNOTE

Recommends No More Money  
for Tourist Lures and Vete-  
rans—Wants Gasoline Tax  
Increased—Favors Drastic  
Dry Enforcement—Outlines  
State Aid for Astoria—  
Olcott's Farewell Speech

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 9.—Emphasis upon the need of economy in the administration of the state's public affairs, and suggested changes in the state's tax laws, to be made with the understanding that any new taxes should be created "solely as a means of redistributing and equalizing the present burden of taxation and not as an excuse for increasing that burden by new and additional expenditures of state money" featured the inaugural message of Governor Walter M. Pierce to the thirty-second legislative assembly delivered today.

Governor Pierce advised that the legislature "should provide means of lifting at least one-half of the present state tax from farms and homes" by enacting an income tax modeled after the federal income tax law. He recommended that no further appropriations be made for tourist associations, for state buildings, for the World War Veterans State Aid commission.

He recommended consolidation of state departments in the interest of economy, and declared his opposition to any salary increases. "Deep concern" over the state highway program was expressed in the message, and recommendation is made that a paid highway commission be provided for, so that the members could devote their entire time to the work. The governor recommended that the old quarter mill road tax be retained, that the tax on gasoline be increased, and that any readjustment in the present automobile law should not reduce revenue.

After discussing at considerable length the problem of the farmer in obtaining sufficient return for products Governor Pierce suggested the creation of a state market agent to work directly under the governor, and that the grain inspection department be removed from control of the public service commission and be placed under the state market agent.

He suggested that constitutional amendment be submitted to the people providing that the governor and state treasurer be members of the commission which guarantees interest on irrigation district bonds. He also asked for the appointment of a legislative committee to investigate the irrigation and drainage bond situation.

Declaring he has been "saddened many times by finding prominent men of this state behind closed doors breaking the prohibition law" the governor asked "for assistance in a continued effort to enforce the law" and recommended that one-half of all fines paid by prohibition law and narcotics law violators be turned into a special fund for enforcing the laws. A drastic law against drug vendors was asked.

A law prohibiting the selling or leasing of land in the state to Mongolians or Malays was asked.

Loss to the state from the operation of the state bonus act was foreseen by the governor, who called upon all in charge of the enforcement of the law

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### Bill Would Make Deaths From 'Moon' Subject to Noose

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 9.—A bill has been introduced in the legislature proposing to add to the legal definition of murder, in this state, the following:  
"Any person who sells, gives away, or otherwise furnishes intoxicating liquor which causes the death of a human being is guilty of murder in the first degree and punishable accordingly."

### BURSUM FLAYS HARDING FOR TALK ON BILL

President's Remarks Anent  
Windfall to War Widows  
"Erroneous"—No Appeal  
From Veto—New Mexico  
Senator Upholds Measure.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—President Harding's recent veto of the Bursum pension bill proposing among others, increases of Civil and Mexican war veterans' pensions from \$50 to \$72 a month and of their widows from \$30 to \$50, was deplored in an address to the senate today by Senator Bursum, republican, New Mexico, chairman of the senate pensions committee. Senator Bursum announced he would not attempt to have the bill passed over the veto because, he said, it would "not result in any accomplishment."

The New Mexico senator declared the president had given the country unwittingly, an erroneous impression of the bill and criticized provisions which Senator Bursum said were not contained in it. The presidential veto, he declared, would "disappoint many aged veterans and widows who undoubtedly are in distress and in great need of the increase which the bill would have given them."

President Harding's alleged misrepresentation of the bill, Senator Bursum said, was in stating that it proposed pension increases for widows who had "cohabited" for two years with a veteran before his death.

"This is a serious charge and unfortunate," he declared, "if it were true, certainly congress would merit a severe censure for attempting to encourage the loosening of the morals of the country. No such provisions are in the bill."

Senator Bursum also challenged the president's statement that the bill's cost would be \$108,000,000 additional on the pension rolls for the next year. The increased cost, he contended, would be only \$72,608,000, and considering the death rate of veterans, he added, within two years the total additional cost would have "vanished."

"The prediction of a \$50,000,000 outlay within the next fifty years," Senator Bursum continued, "would seem shooting too far from the mark of reason. Fifty-eight years have elapsed since the Civil war ended. If the veterans and widows of other wars are required to wait 68 years before obtaining similar rates of pensions provided in the bill, there can be no justification to

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### PORTLAND'S WAT'RFRONT INUNDATED

Heavy Damage On Lower  
Streets—Flood Worst in  
30 Years—Willamette Val-  
ley An Inland Sea—Train  
Service Resumed—Crest of  
Danger Passed.

PORTLAND, Jan. 9.—The Burnside bridge across the Willamette was damaged today by a jam of driftwood, part of the draw rest being torn away. Dynamite charges were employed to break a jam in the Hawthorne bridge waters. Street cars were allowed to cross the Morrison street bridge which was closed yesterday. Heavy trucks were not allowed on the Morrison or Hawthorne bridges.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 9.—Flood conditions throughout the Willamette and Hood River valleys which yesterday turned most streams into great torrents, were today reported much improved. Almost everywhere the waters have begun to recede and railroads, public service corporations, highway bodies and residents had begun to repair the immense damage done.

From the Dalles came word that the danger in Wasco county had passed and the Columbia tributary streams were receding. The Tygh valley was again in communication with the world.

The Southern Pacific repaired the washout at Shedd and released seven of its stalled trains, by way of Albany, Corvallis and Geringer.

North and south of Eugene the Pacific highway was practically impassable today. State highway engineers warned motorists not to use the road between Corvallis and Eugene.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 9.—Driving with restless power the Willamette river at Portland today had risen to more than 25 feet above zero, flooding the docks and lower streets along the city's water front and causing great damage. The huge volume of water, pouring down the Willamette valley and fed by a hundred tributary streams running bank full and over, bore immense quantities of logs and drift of all kinds, which, lodging against the piers of the city's bridges, rendered at least two of them unsafe for traffic and forced them to be closed by city officials.

Reports from points southward through the Willamette valley were that many of the rivers tributary to the Willamette had begun to fall and it was hoped that the crest of the flood, the worst experience in western Oregon in thirty years, would be reached here today.

Official weather forecast gave promise of a moderation of the flood here after today, but a continuation of rain which began last night with warning from North Head, at the Columbia's entrance, of the approach of a new southerly gale, gave rise to apprehension that the streams might be flooded anew.

The upper Willamette valley yesterday presented the aspect of a great inland sea. Its waters lapped the thresholds of hundreds of homes in both city and country, far-flung throughout the level valley lands. Cities and hamlets between Eugene and Portland, 125 miles, reported suffering extensive damage as a result of the rise of waters.

The railroad situation was simplified today to the extent that through traffic east and south, cut off by damage to roads and bridge structures, was resumed, although the route southward to Eugene and California points lay through a detour over the electric lines on the west side of the Willamette.

Branch railway lines were still a tangle of damaged tracks and washed out bridges. It will be days before traffic can be resumed to many districts cut off by the yellow waters that spread over the valley's depressions.

Highways are reported blocked more effectively than ever. With the high flood stage adjacent to this city, more country was flooded and more roads closed.

### The Daily Bank Robbery

HINTON, Okla., Jan. 9.—Three bandits held up the First National bank of Hinton today, locked three persons in the bank vault and escaped in a motor car with approximately \$10,000 in currency and bonds.

### ENGLISH WOMAN AND HER LOVER DIE ON GALLOWS

Beauty and Sex No Bar to  
British Law—Mrs. Thomp-  
son Unconscious, Carried to  
Gallows—Both Send Part-  
ing Message.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—(By the Associated Press)—Mrs. Edith Thompson was executed today for the murder of her husband, Percy Thompson, on October 4, last.

Bywaters was executed in Pentonville at 9 o'clock. Mrs. Thompson was hanged a few minutes later in Holloway jail. The executions took place without demonstrations, but women marched in a drizzling rain before the walls of Holloway jail carrying placards inscribed "If these are hanged, the judge and jury are also guilty of murder," and "murder cannot abolish murder."

The executions brought to an end one of England's most sensational murder cases, and incidentally provided the first instance of capital punishment of a woman in England for fifteen years.

Percy Thompson, former shipping clerk, was stabbed to death in a dark street near his home early in the morning of October 4, last, while returning from a theater with his wife. When found, the body was propped against the wall and his beautiful young wife was kneeling nearby in a hysterical condition.

Upon the strength of her story to the police, Bywaters, 20-year-old steamship steward, was arrested two days later and accused jointly with Mrs. Thompson of murder. The police submitted an alleged confession in which Bywaters appeared as declaring his love for Mrs. Thompson had prompted the act.

It was shown during the trial that Bywaters had been a close friend of the Thompsons for some time. Bywaters, himself, declared on the stand he had seen Thompson strike his wife and he pleaded that, in attacking the husband he did not intend to kill, but to chastise him. He declared he was forced to slay in self-defense.

The jury, which included one woman, returned a verdict of guilty against both defendants on December 11 after brief deliberation and sentences of death were pronounced. Appeals for clemency were carried to the home office, the last resort, but without avail.

The last message between the lovers was entrusted last evening to the Bishop of Stepney, who carried to Mrs. Thompson from Bywaters some word which she took to the scaffold as a secret.

Shortly after her talk with the bishop in which she protested her innocence, Mrs. Thompson collapsed. Throughout the night she was under the care of a physician and at five o'clock this morning she succumbed to the strain and sank into unconsciousness. She revived somewhat, but when the hour of execution arrived she was only semi-conscious and had to be carried to the place where she was put to death.

In her moments of consciousness she kept asking for Bywaters. Until almost the last moment the doctor remained with her.

### MOVE TO IMPEACH DAUGHERTY FALLS FLAT UNDER TEST

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Attorney General Daugherty was given a clean bill of health today by the house judiciary committee, which investigated the impeachment charges brought against him by Representative Keller, republican, Minnesota. The resolution also proposed that the judiciary committee be discharged from further consideration of the Keller charges and the proposed impeachment of the attorney general and that the impeachment resolution introduced by the Minnesota representative be laid on the table.

In a resolution which was adopted by a vote of 12 to 2, the committee said that on the evidence obtained it did not appear that there was any ground to believe that Mr. Daugherty had been guilty of any high crime or misdemeanor requiring the interposition of the impeachment powers of the house. Representatives Thomas of Kentucky, and Sumners of Texas, democrats, voted against the resolution, proposing dismissal of the impeachment charges.

### SECRETS OF KLAN TOLD BY WITNESS

Wore Black Masks On Raids,  
White Ones in Lodge—  
Former Member Talks—  
Cyclops' Word Supreme—  
Girl Witness Under Guard—  
Daniels, Sr., Asked Aid As  
"Brother Mason."

BASTROP, Jan. 9.—J. T. Norseworthy, who declared himself a charter member of the Morehouse parish organization of the Ku Klux Klan, asserted on the witness stand at the opening hearing today of the masked band depredations in Morehouse that the black mask was used by members of the Morehouse Klan when they went on marauding expeditions at night.

"When the Klan went on raiding trips they wore the black masks, but when they met in the lodge rooms they wore the white ones," Norseworthy told Attorney General A. G. Cocco who was conducting the examination.

"Who was the leader of the Klan, the grand cyclops, or whatever they called him?" asked Mr. Cocco. "Captain Skipworth; we called him the president."

"He was the king of this community of this parish. His word was final, was it not?" asked the attorney general.

"Yes, sir. As a matter of fact, Captain Skipworth told us that if the grand jury which was in session, failed to bring about indictments we would, meaning the Klan. After I got out of the Klan they sent me with a bunch of men to the Arkansas line. I had orders to flog these men and tell them to cross the line and stay there."

"They did not know you had quit them?"

"As to the inner workings of the Klan, the witness claimed that he was made a captain by Skipworth and Dr. McKoin was "likewise honored." But that Dr. McKoin was "my assistant."

"Why did you quit the Klan? Was it because they were black masks?"

"Yes, sir, but I did not like any part of it."

"How about the committees?"

"You mean the vigilantes?"

"Yes."

"Oh, they went around in the country and scouted up stuff and reported to us what was going on."

"Weren't men ordered to leave their homes; weren't others told to clean up their household?"

"Yes, sir."

"Weren't these orders executed by direction of the president, Captain Skipworth?"

"Yes."

"Wasn't all this caused by parish officials not enforcing the law?"

"Yes, sir."

"As a matter of fact, the sheriff and other officials of the parish are members of the Klan?"

"Yes, sir."

"Even members of the grand jury then in session were members, were they not?"

"Yes, sir."

"I think this investigation has the support of the better element of the Ku Klux Klan," said Mr. Cocco. "I would not hesitate to try this case by a jury composed of this class of Klan members."

"Do you know anything about the kidnapping of Addie May Hamilton?"

"I do. She was taken from her home, taken to Mer Rouge and put on a train to Little Rock and told not to come back."

"Tell us all about it."

"Well, I don't know, except W. F. Kirkpatrick, a Klansman, told me that he gave her money to make the trip. Dr. McKoin said Kirkpatrick was also with him. He told me she did not have any money so I (Kirkpatrick) just ran my hand down in my pocket and gave it to her."

MER ROUGE, La., Jan. 9.—Acting on an anonymous telephone message that an attempt might be made to kidnap Addie May Hamilton, prospective witness in the investigation now under way of masked band depredations in Morehouse parish, several men stood guard today at the Hamilton home near Mer Rouge and

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### Oregon Bishop Weds Heiress of Millions At Quiet Ceremony

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Dr. Robert Lewis Paddock, former Protestant Episcopal bishop of the eastern missionary district of Oregon, and Miss Helen Aitken, heiress to half of a \$2,500,000 estate, were married today in St. John the Divine, cathedral of St. S. Lloyd conducted the ceremony.

Only a few friends were present.

Dr. Paddock, who is 53 years old, resigned as bishop last September, declaring his health would not permit him to carry on his work. The bride, who is eight years his junior, is the daughter of a drygoods merchant who died in 1919.

### FRENCH FORCES MOBILIZE FOR RUHR SEIZURE

Concentration Finished, Noon  
Today—Strike Prospects  
Met—French Reds Agitat-  
ing—Germany to File Pro-  
test Against Move.

BERLIN, Jan. 9.—(By the Associated Press)—Thirty-eight trains carrying French troops left Mayence yesterday with Essen as the destination of the forces says an Essen telegram today. The arrival of heavy artillery and sappers is reported from the neighborhood of Neuss, (3 1/2 miles southwest of Dusseldorf).

PARIS, Jan. 9.—(By the Associated Press)—Reports from Dusseldorf today said all troops necessary for the expected "cohesive movement" of France in the Ruhr would be assembled at the point of concentration near that city by noon. Reinforcements were being sent to take the place of the advancing units.

Anticipating a possible strike of workers in the Rhineland, Premier Poincare is reported to have hired provisionally a small army of strike breakers, including miners, railway men, butchers and bakers, who could be sent into the region at short notice to replace German labor.

The French public is taking the situation in perfect calm and there is practically no opposition to the government's move. Opponents of the premier naturally express skepticism at the success of the undertaking and indulge in the usual criticism. The communists alone are showing a certain agitation and have indicated that they are trying to stir up trouble both here and in the Rhineland, where Marcel Cachin and Gaston Monmousseau are operating. The government attaches no undue importance to their activities.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—(By the Associated Press)—The present French movement into the Ruhr, involving Dusseldorf, will terminate at Essen, according to information received in British official circles from the observers in the Rhineland. The British maintain they are without official knowledge of the French plans.

Reuter's correspondent says that the German government is believed to be preparing a formal protest to the signatory powers of the Versailles treaty in regard to the proposed occupation of the Ruhr.

PARIS, Jan. 9.—(By the Associated Press)—

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### NAME DUNN CHAIRMAN ELECTIONS

Jackson Also Gets Place On  
Roads and Mines—Hall to  
Head Highway Committee  
—Smith of Josephine Is  
Honored—No House Selec-  
tions Yet

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 9.—Senator Dunn of Jackson county was made chairman of the elections and privileges committee and has a place in roads and highways, and education and irrigation, and mining and game committees.

The house committee appointments have not been announced.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 9.—The state senate held a brief session this morning at which Senator Bruce Dennis, La Grande presented the report of the state auditing committee, which was ordered printed.

Jay H. Upton, who was elected president of the senate late yesterday, today announced his committee appointments. Senator O. B. Robertson of the district comprising Clatsop, Sherman and Wheeler counties, who engineered Upton's fight for the presidency, received important assignments. Senator B. L. Eddy of Roseburg, who opposed Upton in the presidency fight, received one chairmanship, the committee on alcoholic traffic. Senator Charles Hall of Marshfield heads the committee on roads and highways and J. C. Smith of Grants Pass, the ways and means committee.

Representative W. F. Woodward of Portland has introduced in the house eight bills relating to educational subjects, two of which, reported to be endorsed by the Federated Patriotic Societies, are expected, according to statements of house leaders, today, to bring the first test of strength of the house organization. These bills provide for free text books for primary schools and extend the franchise to all voters in school bond elections.

The double counting board for elections, authorized by the 1921 session of the legislature is the subject of attack in a bill introduced today by Representative Blowers of Hood River. The bill would repeal all of the election laws relating to the double system.

Twenty bills were introduced this morning in the house and two in the senate.

### FEDERAL AID TO ASTORIA URGED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Appropriation of \$1,063,000 for reconstruction of the sewer and water systems and other public improvements at Astoria, Ore., damaged in the recent fire was proposed in a resolution today by Senator McNary, republican, Ore., introduced after consultation with the Oregon congressional delegation and the war department officials.

### Fugitive Nabbed.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 9.—Frank Zack, who arrived in Minneapolis from Seattle with his wife and three children, was arrested today at the railroad station on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. He was arraigned in police court and held under \$5000 bail.

### VOTE ONE WAY, DRINK OTHER, PUBLIC MEN PATRONIZE BOOTLEGGERS, CHARGE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9. Representative Upshaw, democrat of Georgia, in a speech in the house today declared that "bootleggers ply their devilish trade among too many public men in Washington," and that he has seen with his own eyes "some of the highest officials in Washington, not members of either branch of congress, lifting the devilish bottle to their lips."

The Georgia representative told the house he would not make public the names of senators and representatives "who do not practice the prohibition which their votes profess,"

but would promptly turn over to federal and local authorities all evidence relating to liquor drinking by government officials placed in his hands.

Commenting on reports that liquor imported for embassies and legations under diplomatic immunity was being diverted into bootlegged channels Mr. Upshaw said this problem called "for delicate, but firm treatment" to their lips.

With this evidence, Mr. Upshaw said, he will "turn in the name of a high official, (not a diplomat) who returned from abroad some time ago with more than a score of cases of foreign liquor marked 'diplomatic.'"

### OKLAHOMA FEASTS AND DANCES WHEN GOV. TAKES SEAT WITH WESTERN POMP

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Jan. 9.—The "biggest feast" was served today to the multitude that came to the state capital to acclaim the new executive of Oklahoma, J. C. Walton. Over the coals of a mile of trenches on the state fair grounds this morning meat by the ton was being browned to a turn; bread in seeming endless quantity was being sliced, while thousands of gallons of coffee were being heated to be served to the clamoring crowd. The barbecue committee prepared to feed at least 200,000 persons all they can eat. There was meat for every taste—reindeer, buffalo, bear, antelope, beef, pork, mutton, chicken, goose, ducks, opossum, coon, rabbit and squirrel. Painted, blanketed and bonneted Indians, in numbers from reservations; cowboys and former range riders dressed up for the occasion. Following a parade headed by the new governor, seated on a \$10,000 saddle astride a fine horse, the public inauguration will be held at the state fair grounds.

Governor Walton was formally inaugurated yesterday, but went through the ceremony again today.

A dance for everyone in the corridors of the state capital was the event of the night.