

The Weather
Prediction ... Cloudy
Colder tonight.
Maximum yesterday ... 46
Minimum today ... 36
Precipitation ... 01

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum ... 40
Minimum ... 35

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JACKSON CO. YOUTH CONFESSES CRIME

JOHN TAYLOR IS ARRESTED BY SCRIBES

Well-Known Applegate Man Apprehended by Klamath Newspaper Men, Breaks Down and Confesses He Was Member of Gang That Killed Oscar Erickson.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 12.—How two Klamath Falls newspaper men not only arrested but wrung a confession from the leader of the bandits who early on the morning of January 4 shot Oscar Erickson to death in the robbery of a basement gambling house, was revealed here today when officers arrested the two men who instigated the crime and held them under a charge of first degree murder.

A posse is now closing in upon the lonely mountain cabin in which the alleged killer is known to be hidden, and other officers in this city are searching for two other members of the gang named in Taylor's confession. The man who made the complete confession, implicating the others, is John Taylor, 25, son of a highly respected and pioneer family of Jackson county.

The two men who made the arrest and procured his confession, thus bringing about a solution of the erstwhile baffling "murder" mystery, are W. H. Perkins, news editor of the Klamath Falls Evening Herald, and Tom Maloney, a reporter for the same newspaper. Perkins is also Klamath county correspondent for the Associated Press.

Bootlegger Arrested. An hour after Taylor's confession had been given, Slim Pate, bootlegger and underworld character, was in the county jail charged with murder. It was Pate, according to Taylor's confession who plotted the robbery which ended in murder. It was Pate who procured the guns; it was Pate who induced the other accomplices to join in the robbery and it was Pate, losing his nerve at the crucial minute who refused to enter the gambling house, leaving his pals to enter and complete the robbery.

It was an information procured by the two newspaper men that Pate was first taken into custody for questioning Saturday afternoon. He underwent a severe grilling but was released from custody early Friday morning.

Working independent of the sheriff's office and other police officers the two newspaper men together with Fred Morley, ex-constable, who was employed by them, dug up evidence against Taylor, Pate and others last Saturday afternoon.

Denied special commissions as deputy sheriffs by Sheriff Burt Hawkins who scoffed at the idea that they could aid in solving the crime, the newspaper men got into communication with Governor Walter M. Pierce at Salem and induced him to telegraph their special commissions as state agents, to clothe them with the authority to make the arrest. With these telegraphed commissions tucked away in their pockets, Perkins, Maloney and Morley began a wild all-night ride over the mountains to a lonely ranch house in the Applegate country, twelve miles west of Jacksonville, and 95 miles from Klamath Falls, there, shortly after one o'clock Saturday morning they routed Taylor out of bed and placed him under arrest.

Brought Through Medford. He accepted his arrest as a matter (Continued on page three)

Forced to Dismiss Liquor Cases As Dry Agent Flees Justice

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 12.—Six federal court liquor cases, five from LaGrande and one from Multnomah county, will have to be dismissed, said Deputy Federal Prosecutor McGilchrist today, because L. A. Garner, formerly a peace officer in LaGrande, and later a dry officer in Multnomah county, is missing. Federal authorities said a warrant is out for Garner in Pendleton.

LOCAL MEMBERS FIGURE IN THE FIRST SESSION

State Senator Dunn and Representative Carkin Take Active Part in Opening of State Legislature—Everything Goes Smoothly.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 12.—The thirty-third session of the Oregon legislature was organized here today with Senator Gus C. Moser of Multnomah county as president of the senate and Representative Denton G. Burdick of Deschutes county as speaker of the house. Neither had opposition.

Senator Jay H. Upton of Bend, who was president of the senate at the thirty-second session, was named at a caucus last night to call the senate to order. Ordinarily this duty falls to the oldest member in point of service, but this was Senator Moser, who was to be president, so Senator Upton was named.

Immediately upon the senate's call to order by Upton, Senator Dennis nominated Senator Ritter as temporary chairman and he was chosen. John P. Hunt of Woodburn was elected temporary chief clerk, being nominated by Senator LaFollett of Marion.

As a committee on credentials Temporary President Ritter named Senators Garland, Klepper and Johnson, Garland having moved the appointment of such a committee.

Judge Dunn Chosen. Clark of Multnomah moved the appointment of a committee on permanent organization and Clark, Dunn and Maigardly were named. As a committee to wait on Chief Justice McBride of the supreme court, Taylor, Eddy and Staples were named, and after a short recess the chief justice was escorted to the president's stand and administered the oath of office.

The decks were then cleared for permanent organization. Senator Corbett nominated Moser for president and his election followed. John P. Hunt was elected permanent chief clerk, Miss Elizabeth Braun assistant chief clerk, the latter on nomination by Hanks. Albert D. Goddard of Pendleton was elected calendar clerk and M. F. Hardesty of Seaside, reading clerk. Colonel W. G. D. Mercer was again elected sergeant-at-arms and Raymond Lane, and on nomination by Eddy of Douglas, George Willett of Cottage Grove was chosen mailing clerk. Thomas Bruce was elected doorkeeper. None of these offices was contested.

President Moser appointed Senators Strayer, Maglady and Miller a committee to notify Governor Pierce that the legislature was organized and (Continued on Page Eight)

GOV. FAVORS INCOME TAX & OLEO BILL

Oregon Governor Deplores Defeat of State Income Tax and Urges Legislature to Enact Bill Defeated at Last Election—Achievements in Tax Cut Praised.

STATEHOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Jan. 12.—Governor Walter M. Pierce read his message before the senate and house in joint session in the house chamber at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Senator Moser, president of the senate, presided, and the gallery was packed with interested spectators. The governor posed for the regulation flashlights just before he began his message. The governor was around the house during the recesses greeting old friends and shaking hands with strangers.

He wore a smile as wide as his eastern Oregon hat. If the chief executive is worrying about what the law-makers may do to any of his hobbies at this session, he did not show the fact.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 12.—Taxation and law enforcement occupied the largest sections of the message of Governor Walter M. Pierce, which he delivered today to the legislature. Referring to his campaign promises, he said that he could point to a substantial measure of achievement in tax reduction. He stated that in 1922 the state tax levy, including fixed millages was \$9,376,285.11, and that this year the state levy is \$7,492,761.47, a reduction of substantially \$2,000,000 in state taxes.



Governor Walter M. Pierce

He expressed regret that the voters of the state had repealed the state income tax law, and asserted he still believed in such a tax, blaming nefarious wealth for deceiving the people regarding it. He also deplored the defeat of the Oleo bill and blamed the same element for its defeat.

Referring to law enforcement he said, "There has been most certainly a decided improvement in this state" though "much still remains to be done." He declared "the state prohibition force is the terror of the law breakers. It has been conducted in a clean, straight-forward, business-like manner, and I invite your body to investigate the money expended in the enforcement of the prohibition and narcotic laws."

Governor Pierce pleaded for all persons in the state to share in the duty and responsibility of law enforcement. "When the anarchist appears in the so-called lower stratum of society, we may depend upon it that he has also made his appearance in the so-called upper stratum. This country has more to fear from the law violator in the marble office than from the ragged leader of the mob in the street."

The governor asked the legislature to increase the power of the state prohibition department, and give it 50 per cent of the fines collected from violators of the prohibition laws. Legislation recommended in the governor's message included: Equalization of assessments in various counties. Passage of the bill introduced at the last session based upon the report of the tax investigating committee. Competition among banks for deposits of state funds.

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Earle Sande, Star Jockey Badly Injured Last Summer, with His Wife at Home of Her Parents



Sande, a hospital patient until recently, is still confident that his riding days are not ended. The plucky little pilot of thoroughbreds has refused to give up hope although he was cruelly maimed at Saratoga when his mount fell. This photograph was made while Earle's prouder jockey and his wife were visiting her parents at Cambridge, Mass.

JACKSON COUNTY LEGISLATORS ON SIX COMMITTEES

Carkin Leads Legislation and Cowgill Is Chairman of Military Affairs—Also Members of Judiciary, Resolutions and Rules.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 12.—Herbert Gordon, veteran member to the lower house of the legislature from Multnomah county, heads the ways and means committee of Speaker Burdick's committee assignments.

This makes the fifth session at which Gordon has been chairman of the ways and means committee, he having served in the same capacity in four previous sessions, two regular, and two special. German is chairman of banking; Coffey of insurance; Lonergan of revision of laws; North of taxation; Rushlight of railroads and transportation; Kirkwood of game and Meindl of resolutions. All are from Multnomah county.

Mott of Clatsop county is chairman of fisheries; Hammond of Clackamas county, of judiciary; Hamilton of Deschutes of irrigation; Ford of Harney county, of roads and highways, and Roberts of Wasco, of education. The house committees follow, the first named being the chairman: Agriculture—Mann, Howard, Bates, Roberts, Teegarden, Russell. Alcoholic traffic—Hurlburt, North, Fuller, Swan, Reynolds, Kilham, Shelton, Roberts. Banking—German, Collier, Cramer, Miller, Tom, Kirkwood, A. R. Hunter. Capitol buildings and grounds—Shurway, Shrook, C. J. Hunter. Cities and towns—Wheeler, Russell, Fisher. Claims—Hazlett, Shrook, Woodward. Commerce and navigation—Potter, Rushlight, Bailey, Winslow, Hurlburt, Corporations—McCallister, Harcher, Hall, Lonergan, Lewis. Counties—Wilson, Lewis, Randall, Howard, Oakes. Education—Roberts, A. R. Hunter, Tucker, Potter, King. Elections—Graham, Shumway, Roberts, Bates, Fisher. Expositions and fairs—Randall, C. J. Hunter, Settlemier, Bratcher, Hall. Engrossed bills—Meindl, Miller, Hesse. Fisheries—Mott, Coffey, Pierce, Meindl, King, Settlemier, Fitzmaurice. Food and dairy products—Bates, Tucker, Hesse, Buchanan, Russell. Forestry and conservation—Fuller, Hall, Ford, Bates, Teegarden. Game—Kirkwood, Cramer, Howard, Randall, Hall. Health and public morals—Hall, Woodward, Tucker, King, Hercher. Horticulture—Miller, Settlemier, Hercher, Reynolds, Tom. Immigration—Buchanan, Tucker, Wheeler, Woodward, A. R. Hunter. Insurance—Coffey, German, North, McCallister, King. Irrigation and drainage—Hamilton, Coffey, Cowgill, Meindl, Collier, Fitzmaurice, Oakes. Judiciary—Hammond, Carkin, Bailey, Lewis, Potter, Hamilton, Graham, Legislation—Carkin, Graham, Buchanan, Hurlburt, Hammond, Hamilton, Gordon.

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State Legislature Items for Today

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 12.—A joint resolution calling for the ratification of the proposed child labor law amendment to the constitution of the United States was filed with Fred Drager, chief clerk of the house, by William F. Woodward, Multnomah county, this morning.

Senator Upton will introduce a bill providing for the creation of an antelope refuge in Lake county as a means of preserving that class of game.

A closer regulation of dance halls in non-incorporated centers will be the aim of an amendment L. L. Swan, Linn county, hopes to have made to the present law. If adopted, it would be necessary for a dance hall proprietor to obtain the signatures of 12 citizens of his school district on his application for license.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 12.—Excursions of the legislature to the University of Oregon and to the Oregon Agricultural college this session, if they are made, will take place during the early part of the session. Senator Garland interrupted the permanent organization procedure in the senate today by notifying the members that at the last session he publicly announced that he would insist on these trips being made early to avoid confusion at the latter end of the forty days. He called upon the members from Benton and Lane county to bear this in mind, and received the support of the president and the promise of the Benton and Lane members.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 12.—Representative North of Multnomah county today announced that he would introduce at the earliest opportunity bills abolishing the offices of state prohibition commissioner and state market agent. The former is now held by George L. Cleaver, and the latter by C. C. Spence, both appointees of the executive. North declares that both offices are unnecessary and should be abolished in the interest of economy.

3 MEN KILLED IN BOILER EXPLOSION

LONG BEACH, Cal., Jan. 12.—Three unidentified men are dead and 18 are seriously injured following a terrific boiler explosion in the new plant of the Southern California Edison company this morning. One of the injured men is unconscious and could not be identified.

The blast occurred, according to company officials, when a new boiler recently completed and inspected was steamed up.

Decisions of U. S. Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The states have no authority to compel a private carrier by motor vehicle traffic to engage in public traffic for hire, the supreme court decided today in a case brought by the Michigan public utilities commission and others. The supreme court today refused to pass upon the right of Warren Congress, Democrat, candidate for governor from the 29th Pennsylvania district, for a recount of ballots.

Mother Racing to Dying Daughter Is Victim of Accident

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 12.—As she was racing to St. Vincent's hospital in the hope of seeing her daughter, who was dying, Mrs. Rosalia Doser, 62, sustained a possible fracture of the skull in an automobile collision at midnight last night. She was taken to St. Vincent's hospital unconscious. At 12:35 a. m. the daughter, Mrs. A. E. Birdson, died. Her mother was in a very serious condition in another part of the same building.

UNITED STATES TO BE PAID FOR WAR DAMAGES

Paris Conference Agrees to Give United States \$600,000,000 in German Reparations Out of Proceeds of Dawes Plan.

PARIS, Jan. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—The entire war claims of the United States, both for its occupational forces in Germany and for damages sustained—roughly \$600,000,000—will be paid at the rate of \$25,000,000 yearly out of the proceeds of the Dawes plan of reparations and the payments will extend over about twenty-five years.

PARIS, Jan. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—Allocation of 2 1/4 per cent of the receipts from Germany under the Dawes plan, beginning with the first annuity, to payment of American war damages, is the first definitely settled point in the discussions of the inter-allied financial conference. The other points in which the American delegation is interested are in a fair way toward the settlement to the satisfaction of Washington, but considerable more negotiation is necessary and the chances are that the plenary meeting of the conference, which was postponed from today until tomorrow may be put off another day.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The tentative agreement arrived at in Paris between American representatives and the allied finance ministers has been accepted by the Washington government.

Acceptance of the arrangement was made known today at the state department, where it was emphasized that no departure from the American policy toward collection of claims under the Dawes plan from German authorities was involved.

PARIS, Jan. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—American Ambassador Kellogg upon being informed this afternoon that Washington was reported to have accepted the accord concluded at Paris between the United States and the allies on the apportionment of reparations, said there still remained a few details to be ironed out but that he expected a full and complete settlement would be reached tonight.

Passing of the Early Pioneer

ALBANY, Ore., Jan. 12.—J. Fred Yates, 91, Oregon pioneer, and one of the few remaining veterans of the Rogue River Indian war of 1865, died here this morning. He was a native of Tennessee. He had made his home in Linn county since coming west.

DR. ROSS REFUSES TO QUIT, WILL GO TO FISH COMMISSION MEETING

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 12.—Formal protest against the dismissal by the governor of Dr. Tom Ross as fish commissioner, will be made before the state fish commission tomorrow, a group of fishermen who are organizing the Oregon Wholesale Fish Dealers' association decided today at a meeting here. John C. Veatch, appointed by the governor to succeed Ross, will be present at the meeting of the commission and Ross also has indicated his intention of ignoring the ouster and being present, too. Ross is preparing to file injunction suit against his dismissal and in the meantime will continue in service. The fishermen will also make a protest against the governor's recommendation for an increase of the poundage tax from half of one cent and consideration of the suggestion that the surplus of the fish commission go to the general fund dating from January 1.

GOV. DAVIS OF KANSAS IS ARRESTED

Chief Executive of Sunflower State Charged With His Son Russell of Accepting a Bribe to Pardon Convicted Banker—Defendant Denies Guilt and Welcomes Prosecution.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—Governor Jonathan M. Davis of Kansas, personally appeared in court here today to answer to warrants sworn out by County Attorney Tinkham Veale, charging him and his son, Russell, with accepting a bribe.

The bond for each defendant was set at \$1000 and a hearing was set for Friday, January 23, at 10 o'clock. Governor Davis has not decided whether he would attend the inaugural ceremonies this noon for his successor, Governor-elect Ben S. Paulsen. He had prepared a brief address to be delivered as retiring executive, but his attorneys differed in advising whether he should attend. Formal filing of charges would be welcomed as an opportunity to "clear his skirts," Mr. Davis asserted. "I do not believe there is sufficient evidence to justify the filing of a charge," he said. "However, if they want to file, let them come ahead."

The text of the warrant says: Jonathan M. Davis and Russell M. Davis, as governor of Kansas, did accept and receive by himself and by one Russell Davis, \$1250 under a certain agreement between his son and Fred Pollman; that the opinion, judgment and action of the said Jonathan M. Davis would thereby be influenced in this respect, to-wit:

that he, the said Jonathan M. Davis would pardon one Fred W. Pollman, who had been convicted in a court of this state or an offense against the laws of the state of Kansas in consideration of the consideration of \$1250 to the defendant, Jonathan M. Davis and Russell Davis as aforesaid.

The action is based upon evidence of witnesses who listened in on a telephonic connection in a Topeka hotel last Friday to a conversation during which it is alleged Pollman paid the governor's son \$1250 upon the delivery of a pardon. Pollman had been at liberty on parole for two years and would have gained full citizenship automatically on April 1 next. He was convicted of forgery and was paroled by Governor Henry Allen.

Accepting a bribe is punishable under Kansas statutes by a fine of from \$200 to \$1000 or imprisonment for from one to seven years, or both.

The complaint was agreed upon and drafted at a conference in the attorney-general's office yesterday at which County Attorney Veale and his assistant, County Attorney-elect Heinz and his assistant and Captain W. Smith, assistant attorney-general, was present. It was at first decided to charge the defendants with "soliciting and accepting a bribe," but it was found that a supreme court decision had determined that it was now unlawful to solicit a bribe.

Daily Report on the Crime Wave

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 12.—Four men early today kidnaped Nathan A. Bellis, 21, manager for a Katz drug store downtown, while he was driving home, took him to the store, where they forced him to open the vault, stole \$12,000 in cash and escaped, Bellis reported to the police.

FRANCE AND ENGLAND LOST IN FOG, TRAINS CRASH, SCORES ARE INJURED

LONDON, Jan. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—London is again fogged. The worst fog in many years yesterday caused a number of street accidents and some deaths. Traffic stopped almost entirely. Scores of omnibuses were parked along the curbs. There were numerous collisions between buses in which passengers were injured. One bus was overturned. The fog in some places was impenetrable for more than two yards, and lamps or flares were of little use. An airplane with passengers left France in bright sunshine, but upon nearing London found the land invisible. The pilot picked up the air-drome by the tops of the radio masts which pierced the fog zone. He landed safely but the passengers were immediately lost as the visibility was limited to five yards. It took the air-drome staff some time to locate the machine.

PARIS, Jan. 12.—Three rear end train collisions occurred in Paris railroad yards today during one of the heaviest fogs France has ever experienced, extending in a broad strip from Calais to Paris, with Paris included in the wide territory covered. Nine persons were slightly hurt in one of the collisions and in all three the tracks were torn up, causing interruption to service. In the streets of Paris traffic proceeded at a crawl with many jams.