

The Weather
Prediction Cloudy
Maximum yesterday 50.5
Minimum today 35

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 52
Minimum 19

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FLORIDA TAX PLAN URGED FOR OREGON

Denton Burdick, Speaker of House Favors Elimination of Income and Inheritance Taxes As Special Inducement to Secure New Settlers and Increase State Wealth.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 19.—A plan whereby Oregon may invite population, capital and industry by the repeal of the inheritance tax and prevention of another income tax act was announced by Denton G. Burdick, speaker of the house, in an address today before the Salem chamber of commerce.

By inference Mr. Burdick recommended the plan which has been put into effect in Florida, and which is a constitutional amendment barring an income or an inheritance tax for 25 years. Burdick's plan is based on the theory that the way to reduce taxes is not to search out new sources for taxation but to get more wealth into the state and more people into the state among whom taxes may be distributed.

More Laws Proposed. All monies collected under the prohibition laws would be thrown to the funds of the various counties under a bill introduced today by Representative North, Multnomah county.

Only one spotlight would be permitted on an automobile under house bill 54 introduced today by Shrock, Clackamas county. The measure would provide that such light would be fastened on the left side of the machine and directed diagonally across to throw the beam on the right-hand side of the machine.

The law relative to liens on crops for irrigation water furnished would be tightened up by a bill introduced today by Senator Davis.

The bill provides that the person concerned furnishing the water must, within forty days after the water is furnished or within forty days after the close of the irrigation season, file with the county clerk a claim containing a true statement of the amount due after deducting all credits and offsets, the date when the water was first supplied, the name of the owner of the crops and the name of the person to whom the water was furnished.

Indigent widows and minor children of soldiers, sailors, marines and volunteers who served in the Civil war, Spanish-American war, the Philippine insurrection and the Indian wars would be entitled to all the relief to which the husband or fathers are now entitled by a bill introduced today by Senators Dennis and Davis.

Salaries of the justices of the supreme court would be increased from \$5250 to \$7500 by a bill which was introduced today by Senator Staples. Salaries of district court judges would be increased from three thousand to four thousand dollars a year through a proposed bill brought to Salem by Judge Ashby C. Dickson. The measure with several others was prepared on behalf of the state bar association. Judge Dickson is chairman of the association's committee to draft these measures.

Senate Committee Refuses to Raise Elevation of Guns

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—By a vote of 45 to 22 the senate refused today to consider the question of the elevation of the guns on the thirteen American battleships in order to give them equal range with ships of the British fleet.

BRITAIN NIPS IRISH PLOT TO BLOW UP SHIPS

LONDON, Jan. 19.—(By the Associated Press)—Two men, W. P. Cleary and J. D. McGough, were brought before the Bow street police court today in connection with an alleged plot to blow up British battle ships and submarines. They were remanded for a week, bail being refused. They were charged with an offense under the official secrets act.

It was understood Scotland Yard detectives have seized many documents bearing on the case which are being examined. O'Leary is a shipwright and McGough is a civil servant. The detailed charges have O'Leary charged with having in his possession information concerning the Haslar dockyard at Portsmouth, which is a prohibited area and communicating this information to McGough. The latter is charged with receiving the information. The arrest of five Irishmen and one Irish woman concerned in the alleged plot was reported by the London Daily Mail this morning. The men were said to be sub-officers at the Portsmouth dockyard. Those under arrest, the Mail stated, were extremists connected with the Irish republican movement and the plot was supposed to have been designed to affect injuriously the relations between the Irish free state and England by creating feeling in the latter country against the free state.

State Legislature Items for Today

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Jan. 19.—Legislation to give the state game commission authority to declare closed seasons in times of emergencies will be sought at the present session. Captain N. E. Burdick, state game warden, is working on the measure which will be brought up shortly.

The last session of the legislature endeavored to give such power, but the authority placed in the hands of the commission was nullified by court decision which held that the law was too elastic and not specific. Captain Burdick pointed out that many fires might have been averted had the commission been able to declare a closed deer hunting season last fall. He also pointed out that on account of extreme low water, many streams in eastern Oregon should have been closed last summer as a protection and conservation measure.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Jan. 19.—Residents of Umatilla county have wondered whence came the custom among the Umatilla Indians of naming their purposes after famous personages. The source is a member of the senate. In 1857 Sam Garland, a young Virginian, was sent to Oregon by President Cleveland to be superintendent of schools on the Umatilla reservation. Sam Garland is now senator from Linn county. "I got along fine with the Indians," he said, "although I had never seen an Indian except in a circus until I came to Oregon. But sometimes I had to change the names of the boys in school. I named one Grover Cleveland, one Bismarck, one Gladstone, another Disraeli, etc."

DEBT PACT LEAVES U.S. FREE TO ACT

Secretary Hughes in Answer to Senator Johnson Makes Nature of Paris Agreement Plain—U. S. Neither Modifies Nor Surrenders Traditional Policy.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Secretary Hughes today issued a formal statement asserting that the agreement reached in Paris at the conference of the allied finance minister imposed no obligations, "legally or morally," on the United States and that this country remains as free from commitments in European matters as it ever was.

The statement said the full text of the agreement signed by Ambassador Kellogg and the other American representatives would be made public as soon as it was received here. Mr. Hughes' statement was said by White House officials to have the full approval of President Coolidge, who it was said, had been fully advised of all angles of the controversy.

The resolution asking for a copy of the agreement, proposed by Senator Johnson, republican, California, is pending in the senate with the approval of others of the irreconcilable veterans of the Versailles treaty fight. From these and other quarters the state department has heard charges that the Paris agreement signed by Ambassador Kellogg, the secretary of state-designate, had drawn the United States officially into an involvement against which it had been guarding itself ever since the close of the war. The Hughes statement said:

"The portion of the agreement reached at the recent conference in Paris which relates to the participation of the United States in the Dawes annuities has already been published in the newspapers. The full text of the agreement is on its way to this country and will be published as soon as received. In the meantime it may be said: 'The conference of finance ministers held at Paris was for the purpose of reaching an agreement of the allocation of the payments expected through the operation of the Dawes plan. In view of the inclusive character of these payments it was not necessary for the United States to take part in the conference in order to protect its interests.

"The conference at Paris was not a body, agency or commission provided for either by our treaty with Germany or by the treaty of Versailles. In taking part in this conference there was no violation of the resolution attached by the senate to the treaty of Berlin.

"The agreement reached at Paris was simply for the allocation of the payments made under the Dawes plan. It does not provide for sanctions or deal with any questions that might arise if the contemplated payments should not be made. With respect to any such contingency the agreement in Paris puts the United States under no obligation legally or morally and the United States will be as free as it was to take any course or action it may think advisable.

Well, One Ex-Wife of 'Kid' Wouldn't Wed Him Again



"I'd never marry him again," says Mrs. J. Woodruff Wheelock of New York City, one of the numerous ex-wives of 'Kid' McCoy, who is under conviction for manslaughter in Los Angeles in connection with the death of Mrs. Theresa Mrs. Wheelock is seen strolling at Miami, Fla., where she is spending the winter.

U. S. GUNBOATS BEING RUSHED TO SHANGHAI

MANILA, Jan. 19.—(By Associated Press.) Six United States destroyers, comprising division number 45 left here today for Shanghai, where factional leaders and military governors were contending for possession of that city. With the arrival of the ships which cleared today, the American navy will have twelve destroyers off Shanghai.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 19.—(By Associated Press.) The telegraph wires have been cut and the Chinese telegraph companies are not accepting messages. Twelve thousand of Chang Yuen-Ming's troops, who had been interned in the foreign settlement here after Chi Hsieh-Yuan have embarked for the Peking district where they will probably be disbanded.

It is feared that Chi Hsieh-Yuan, who is a supporter of the ousted Peking government will shortly be beaten by the "pacification" commissioner, Lu Yung-Hsiang, leaving the foreign settlement again endangered by routed troops.

The presence of a brigade of Russians with Lu Yung-Hsiang is also expected to complicate the situation.

MRS. HART WINS SUIT FROM BILL

Winifred Westover Hart Is Given Right to Return to the Movies and Use Her Married Name—Also Allowed to Retain \$103,000 and \$100,000 for the Baby.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 19.—Winifred Westover Hart today won a victory over William S. "Bill" Hart, motion picture actor, and obtained legal right to return to screen work under her full name until such time as she should obtain a divorce by a decision in the superior court here.

Judge Stephens held that a separation agreement entered into between the Harts was illegal and in contravention of the code. The case was a suit by Mrs. Hart for cancellation of the clause in the separation agreement by which she had agreed not to return to screen work.

Hart, in combating the suit, testified that it would work considerable damage to him should she use the name of Hart on the screen.

The court held that a trust fund of \$103,000 created for her and a trust fund of \$100,000 for the Hart baby would be held intact.

CRATERS REPORT ON PROPOSITION NEW HIGH SCHOOL

The committee appointed by the Craters club to study the question of a new high school has worked for two weeks, sounding out the opinions of various groups and individuals. The result of all this study has led the committee to these conclusions: First, and most important, a vote of yes at Wednesday's election means that the board must at once proceed with the enlargement of the present high school on the present site.

36 Below Zero in Vermont Today and 35 Below in Maine

BOSTON, Jan. 19.—Northern New England shivered today in temperatures reported from some points to be the lowest in 27 years. The official thermometer at Gardiner, Maine, registered 35 degrees below zero, the coldest weather recorded since 1898.

FARM BANKER TO SPEAK HERE 7:30 TONIGHT

This evening at 7:30 o'clock, George C. Jewett, secretary of the federal land bank of Spokane, Wash., and one of the executive committee of the National Wheatgrowers' organization, will address a public meeting at the public library, of especial interest to everyone interested in solving the agricultural problems of the day as outlined by President Coolidge's agricultural commission.

"National Cooperative Agricultural Marketing and Financing," will be his topic. Temporary officers elected this morning are M. J. Norris of Phoenix, president, and Mrs. L. B. Hague of Klamath Falls, secretary.

Thirty-five delegates representing the counties of Douglas, Josephine, Klamath, Jackson, Coos and Curry are in attendance. Committees will be appointed this afternoon on permanent organization and resolutions.

The morning session was devoted to regular business and the reading of reports. This afternoon the central feature will be an address by A. B. Thompson of Spokane and Geo. A. Mansfield of this city.

Tomorrow the district meeting will adjourn at noon, and be driven over the valley in automobiles, ending at Grants Pass, where the delegates will be the guests of the Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce at a banquet.

SEATTLE, Jan. 19.—Armed and masked bandits operating in Seattle and Everett last night executed three daring robberies which netted them about \$1700 in cash, a woman's wrist watch and an automobile. In each case the robbers' victim was a woman.

FLOODS IN SOUTH TAKE DEATH TOLL

Five Lives Lost in Alabama and Georgia Due to Flood Waters Sweeping Country Side—Greater Destruction Feared As Rains Continue to Fall.

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 19.—(By the Associated Press.) With rains continuing to fall in a half dozen southern states today, rivers were reported steadily rising with considerable property damage expected to follow over a wide area. The death list was three killed and two others probably lost.

Two trainmen were killed when a passenger train broke through a weakened trestle near Selma, Ala., and one trainman was killed when a train struck a slide, six miles from Cartersville, Ga.

Hope has been abandoned at Albany, Ga., for safety of Asa and Will Titt, who failed to return Saturday from a canoe trip on Flint river.

Georgia and Alabama bore the brunt of the flood force although almost unprecedented high water is also reported in other states. Macon saw new marks registered for the Ocmulgee when the river passed 27 feet. At Milledgeville the Ocmulgee reached more than 36 feet. Apprehension was felt concerning the power of levees and bridges to withstand the pressure not heretofore known on the streams.

Columbus found the Chattahoochee river at a stage of 45 feet. The city's gas supply was threatened as water entered the plant.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 18.—Dennis Larson, 20, and Kenneth Powell, 17, inmates of the Oregon deaf and dumb institute at Salem, Ore., were arrested here today and according to the police made a written confession that they committed several burglaries. The police said the two youths confessed that they stole the automobile of Superintendent Russell Winscoat of the school and drove to Chehalis, Wash., where they abandoned the car and committed two burglaries. They then committed two burglaries at Olympia and two here, they are reported to have admitted.

U. S. FLIERS LOST IN AMAZON WILDS FLY TO SAFETY IN REPAIRED PLANE

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—Walter Hinton and Captain A. W. Stevens, aviators who had been missing in the wilds of the Amazon river, in South America, for about ten days, have returned safely in their hydro-airplane to the advanced camp of the Rice expedition on the Parana river, according to a radio message received here.

Wall Street Report

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—Stock prices moved irregularly today under the weight of a moderate volume of profit taking and bear selling. The financial news was largely favorable, including the lower money rates, new high records of wheat and corn prices and encouraging business developments. Sales approximated 1,469,000 shares.

Woman a Deputy Sheriff. TROUTDALE, Ore., Jan. 19.—Mrs. Laura D. Harlow, recently inducted into the office of mayor of Troutdale, has been appointed a deputy sheriff of Multnomah county.

Supreme Court Decisions. WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Two cases attacking the soldier bonus law were thrown out today by the supreme court.