

The Weather
Prediction — Fair, with frost to-
night; warmer Saturday.
Maximum yesterday 61
Minimum today 31
Precipitation Trace

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Weather Year Ago

Maximum 62
Minimum 34

Daily—Twenty-third Year
Weekly—Fifty-sixth Year

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Today

By Arthur Brisbane

Depew, Wise Man
Another Special Baby
Dangerous Arbitrators
One Big Payroll

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Chauncey M. Depew, dead in his ninety-fourth year, older than the Republican party, which he served long and faithfully, said: "I have lived long because I could laugh at anything."

Of Napoleon, it was said that in his youth "no one ever saw him laugh." He didn't live ninety-three years, but he did live more in one day than amiable Mr. Depew in all his ninety-four years.

Chauncey Depew attended 8000 banquets and never let boredom drive him into eating too much. That's wisdom.

He campaigned for Lincoln, got \$1.75 for his first legal services, lived under twenty-four presidents, from Andrew Jackson to Calvin Coolidge, and knew thirteen of them personally. How many can name the twenty-four from Jackson on?

Milton wrote, "Hail, wedded love, mysterious law, true source of man's offspring." Miss Sylvia Pankhurst doesn't agree with that.

A photograph shows her holding a child called by reporters, "A Love Baby," as though that were a special breed.

Miss Pankhurst, who is unmarried and declines to name the child's father, is mistaken in the idea that her demonstration of a strong mind "will contribute to woman's freedom."

If the idea spread too far it would contribute to woman's misery.

It has taken men one million years to climb up from a "pithecanthropoid" state to semi-decency in married life, and it ought not to go back.

Uncle Sam and Holland claimed a little island called Las Palmas, between the Dutch East Indies and the Philippines. Max Huber, Swiss statesman, named arbitrator, gives Holland the island.

Holland would also have got Pikes Peak had the mountain been included in the arbitration.

We're not complaining, of course, but let's hope nothing really important will ever be submitted by this nation to a foreign world court.

Good news for Detroit and prosperity generally is the employing of more men by the Ford Motor company. Ford's working total is now 97,565 men, only 12,435 below the peak of 1926. A payroll of more than \$600 a day, about \$180,000,000 a year is not so bad.

The stock market quit yesterday for a three days' rest. For the first time on record the brokers stop work on Saturday following Good Friday. Nothing to do now until Monday.

Anything can happen between Friday and Monday and fear of the unknown usually sends stocks down. Yesterday confidence in the unknown sent stocks up.

New York merchants report business excellent in women's apparel. They buy more of it and less of it, more garments, less material in them. Paper underwear for ladies makes its appearance in several stores. Silk, wood, underwear of paper—not pleasant news for cotton growers.

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MEDFORD PLANS NEW AIR FIELD SUNSHINE FOR EASTER PREDICTED

Special Committee Has Been Investigating Sites For Some Time—To Decide Soon—Present Field Adequate to Handle All Traffic This Year—Medford to Maintain Air Leadership.

In order that this city maintain its well known position as an aviation center, and to meet the growing demands of aerial traffic, steps toward securing a larger and more adequate airport field, ready for use in 1929, have been taken by a special committee, and will soon be presented to the people for ratification. The committee has been investigating and working upon the proposed important changes for weeks and a decision will be made soon.

Three sites are now under consideration by the committee, and as soon as one is decided upon, action towards the consummation of the plans will be taken. The committee plans call for the establishment of a field, of a size sufficient to meet all demands of aviation for years to come, a mile or more in length, and a half mile wide, with graveled runways 5,000 or 6,000 feet long and 250 or 300 feet wide, and other specifications to handle the largest as well as the smallest types of planes to be built for a number of years.

Space is also planned for hangars, packing machine shops, restaurants, depots for air passengers, lines, radio stations and aerological observatory tower.

Plans are also under consideration for lighting of the field at night and modern equipment throughout.

Work that has been delayed by recent rains will be resumed on Monday, and in a week or ten days the runways will be completed and the field will be perfectly ample to handle any of the planes now flying. The present principal runway, north and south, is 2,300 feet long, 200 feet wide, and when completed will be gravelled to a width of 75 feet, the full length, over 1,500 feet having already been gravelled.

Another summer runway, paralleling the main runway, 2,500 feet in length, and 200 feet wide, is under construction and will be completed this month.

Medford was a pioneer in aviation in Oregon, establishing the first airfield in the state and one of the first on the Pacific coast. It is recognized by aviation chiefs, pilots and government, as a logical center. The citizens have maintained a progressive attitude towards aviation, from the beginning of commercial flying, and there will be no slackening in this policy.

Barber field was the first airfield in Oregon, and until a few months ago was the only airfield in the state. One of the first privately owned planes on the Pacific coast, after the World war, was "The Medford," purchased by several local business men and aerial enthusiasts. The plane flew over the state, piloted by two Medford fliers, with actual experience on the battle front. As a result of these flights, Medford was the first city in the state to be placed on the government and commercial air maps and is prominently marked on the maps now being published.

Because of the local progressive-ness, the forest fire patrol planes were stationed here for several years. The Pacific Air Transport planes, holding a mail contract, with passenger facilities, next made this city an important air center, and were followed this spring by the newly established West Coast Air Transport, with their large cabin planes.

Besides, the local field was the stopping place of army and navy planes, north and south bound, the round-the-world fliers, and last year the goal of Eddie Stinson, who last week broke the world's endurance flight record, over Florida.

"Lindy" also flew over this field, dipping low and waved to the crowd assembled, on his trip south last fall. The only aerological weather bureau station in Oregon and one of two on the coast, is located on the local field.

The growth of aviation makes imperative the need of an enlarged and improved field. The development to date, locally, has required the expenditure of a large sum, without any definite provisions for securing same, and much work by public-spirited citizens, who have donated their services.

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BRIGHT SKIES OVER ENTIRE NATION ASSURED BY THE WEATHER MAN—CHILDREN TO MAKE MERRY ON WHITE HOUSE LAWN—SNOW IN NEBRASKA.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(AP)—An Easter Sunday with sunny skies over practically the entire country was promised today by the weather bureau, with the reservation that the present "stagnation" period in the Atlantic states might end Saturday night. States in the lower Lake region, the Mississippi and Ohio valleys and the northern Rocky Mountain section were particularly assured by the government forecasters following their morning study of their charts, that balmy weather would greet them on Sunday.

The weather men were dubious concerning possible fair weather in the southern Rocky Mountain states, but parts of the far southwest need rain and many would no doubt prefer to shelve new Easter finery and spend the day indoors watching rainfall on fruit lands and truck gardens.

Throughout March precipitation was less than normal in most sections, and especially deficient in New Mexico, Arizona, southern California and southern Florida.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(AP)—For the first time since President Coolidge entered the White House, Washington children will roll their eggs on the executive lawn on Easter Monday unaided by Mrs. Coolidge.

The critical condition of Mrs. Lemira Goodhue, her mother, is still keeping Mrs. Coolidge in Massachusetts, and it is not believed at the White House that it will be possible for her to return to Washington before Monday.

Despite Mrs. Coolidge's absence, however, preparations have been made to entertain Washington's little ones as usual.

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WASHINGTON, April 6.—(AP)—Four measures to change or enlarge the boundaries of Crater National forest, Lassen, Clear Lake National park and Olympic National forest were ordered favorably reported by the house today by the public lands committee.

Two of the bills by Representative Johnson, Oregon, sought to enlarge and adjust the Crater National boundaries. One by Representative Johnson, republican, of Washington, would adjust the Olympic National forest boundaries and the other by Representative Aybridge, California, seeks to authorize the secretary of the interior to acquire new lands within the limits of Lassen park.

SCENES AS SPRING FLOOD WATERS HIT SACRAMENTO



These views were snapped in Sacramento, Cal., as spring flood waters inundated sections of the city and surrounding territory. Heavy mountain rains caused streams and rivers to rise to flood proportions.

SEEK EX-FELONS AS CAPTORS OF CONVICT'S SON

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Movie Comedian Robbed of \$100,000 He Had in Coat

LOS ANGELES, April 6.—(AP)—Wallace Beery, feature moving picture comedian, reported himself about \$100,000 poorer today.

He told police that negotiable securities and checks approximating that amount had been stolen from his coat pockets while he was changing clothing in a portable dressing room at his studio.

The missing valuables were listed as Bancitaly stock, shares in two building and loan associations and a rice growers' company.

Beery refused to say why he was carrying such a large sum with him, declaring that he could "not make the matter public at this time."

CATCH COUGARS BY JUST USING OIL OF CATNIP

VICTORIA, B. C., Apr. 6.—(AP)—Catnip is catching cougars in British Columbia. The big predatory forest cats love it just as much as a house cat, the provincial game conservation board has found, and is using it successfully as bait for cougar traps.

"The cougar is just a great big pussy in many ways, and he is mighty fond of catnip," says A. E. Jackson, chairman of the board. "We have been importing oil of catnip and sprinkling it about the ground where cougar traps are fixed. We are planning to use such a lot of catnip that I am making arrangements to have the oil made in British Columbia."

NEW AUTO BILL WOULD EXEMPT MOTOR BUSES

Stallard, in Correcting \$3 Fee Bill Defects, Creates Another Defect, Lawyers Contend—Legislative Levy Unchanged.

SALEM, Ore., April 6.—(AP)—Motor buses are exempt from any license fee whatever under an initiative bill filed here yesterday by H. H. Stallard of Portland, who attempts to correct defects discovered in his bill previously filed, designed to reduce automobile license fees to \$3 flat.

That his new measure exempts motor buses is the opinion of attorneys who have examined the bill for the reason that this class of vehicle is included in the list of exceptions contained in the following provision:

"All motor vehicles, regardless of weight or age, except motor trucks and trailers and semi-trailers, electric vehicles for commercial purposes, all motor vehicles for hire and motor buses for transporting passengers, \$3."

This defect also occurred in the first Stallard bill as well as in the Bylander bill. A further defect was that the first bill, instead of reducing the fee to \$3, actually increased it \$3 for the reason that it provided for re-enacting the present schedule. These defects were discovered and made public.

Stallard's attempt to correct his first bill corrects only the \$3 increase feature.

Since the bill exempts buses from payment it automatically repeals the provision that anywhere-for-hire buses shall pay 50 per cent in addition to the regular fee based on light weight.

Portland Hears Argument on O. P. Defund Grab

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 6.—(AP)—With all seven members of the supreme court sitting, the Oregon-California land grant tax refund case today was re-argued. It was first heard January 27. No information was to be had as to why the court asked for a re-argument, but the desire to have all members hear the case is believed to have been one reason.

JUST FEDERAL JOBHOLDER WHO PAID FOR SAME

Florida Postmaster Says He Paid Tithes Into Political Pot For G. O. P Though He Is Democrat—No Buying of Offices.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(AP)—Postmaster General New today ordered the dismissal of Alvin L. Durrance and Leslie D. Roberts, postmasters at Frostproof and Avon Park, Fla., respectively.

New said he was advised that Durrance had declared he paid \$500 to secure the recommendation for re-appointment to his office and that Roberts had said he was "willing to pay for a recommendation."

"This positively will not be tolerated in this department," the postmaster general said. "No man will be appointed who has paid for his endorsement and any man will be summarily dismissed if it develops that he bought his office."

Durrance said the payments had been made under a rule which he believed to prevail in at least this section of Florida.

"I understand that at least one other postmaster, L. D. Roberts, of Avon Park, has been similarly notified of his dismissal. Roberts, I understand, has been a life long republican."

Durrance is a democrat. He said payments were made to Eugene Oberdorfer, Atlanta, treasurer of the Florida republican committee by order of George W. Bean, national republican committeeman for that state.

SMITH FORCES OF STATE TALK, SING

PORTLAND, Ore., April 6.—(AP)—About 300 Oregon supporters of Governor Alfred E. Smith, including a number of delegations from up-state, held a meeting here last night at which speakers endorsed the New York governor as candidate for the democratic presidential nomination. There also was enthusiastic singing of "On the Sidewalks of New York."

Speakers included Bert E. Haney, former shipping board member, John C. Veatch, member of the state fish commission; D. J. Stevens, a republican; E. R. Turner, former state superintendent of public instruction; W. C. Culbertson, Mrs. Nan Wood Honeyman, and Dean Ramsey of St. Stephens Pro-Cathedral.

Stress was laid on Smith's efficiency and plea was made that a religion should not enter as a factor.

JACKSON SOLDIER IS A GOOD ONE

CHICO, CAL., APR. 6.—(AP)—By coming 240 miles from Jackson county, Oregon, George E. Tuman, member of Company G, 184th Infantry, National Guard, gave that company a 100 per cent attendance at the federal inspection here yesterday. The inspection was conducted by Major Charles B. Townsend of Sacramento and his staff.

SNOW AND GOLD CUTS OFF OMAHA

Nebraska Metropolis Isolated by Storm—All Communication By Radio—All Wires Down—Southwestern Iowa Also Hit.

OMAHA, Neb., April 6.—(AP)—(By Radio to Des Moines.)—A prediction of zero weather by tonight was made for Omaha, which was today visited by the heaviest April snowstorm in Nebraska history. The storm extended as far west as Lincoln and eastward into Iowa toward Des Moines.

Electric and power service was interrupted in Omaha, and the American Telegraph & Telephone company said the damage to their lines would run into the thousands of dollars.

NEW YORK, April 6.—(AP)—New York's hottest April 6 in 15 years was reported by the weather bureau today. The thermometer reached 73. The mercury still had four degrees to climb to reach yesterday's mark of 77.

OMAHA, Neb., April 6.—(AP)—(By Radio to Kansas City)—A heavy snow which bore down telephone and telegraph wires and blocked street traffic, isolated Omaha from the outside world this morning.

With wires broken over a wide area, the Associated Press resorted to radio dictating this dispatch from WOW, the Woodmen of the World station in Omaha, to WDAF, the Kansas City Star.

The vicinity was the center of a storm that extended eastward into Iowa. Temperatures were a degree or two below freezing.

In Omaha street cars were delayed by snow on the track and scores of automobiles were stranded in deep drifts.

Council Bluffs and Omaha street cars were blocked for a time when wires went down near the Missouri river bridge. Workers walked across the river to work.

Many telephone and telegraph poles were brought down by the weight of the heavy, clinging snow. Trains were delayed not so much by the snow as by the difficulty in dispatching orders by wire.

The heaviest snowfall was in the eastern half of South Platte county. The Burlington railroad lost its wires at 3:45 a. m. Between 50 and 60 poles were broken between Omaha and Ashland and many more to Pacific Junction in Iowa.

Power lines were hit by the storm and Bennington and other towns were without electric service. Linemen were out early trying to untangle fallen wires and prevent accidents.

A telephone company reported it had lost all its toll lines out of Omaha at 5 a. m. Nearly 600 local phones were out of order.

SIOUX CITY, Iowa, April 6.—(AP)—A severe snow and sleet storm struck a large area in southeastern Iowa and southwestern Nebraska during the night, with snow fall as heavy as ten inches reported from some points. Omaha apparently was the center of the disturbance. Radio appeals sent out by station WOW at Omaha said the city was entirely isolated from wire communication with the outside world.

The storm area extended northward toward Sioux City as far as Whiting and eastward as far as Cherokee. Ten inches of snow was reported from Storm Lake.

No reports of snow had been received from South Dakota or from northern Nebraska points.

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