

The Weather
 Forecast—Cloudy; probable rain or snow. No change in temperature.
 Highest yesterday 48
 Lowest this morning 20

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
 Highest 46
 Lowest 22

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Today

By Arthur Brisbane

This Old, Old Earth. The Smallest Light. A G. M. of the Air. Unkne Salome.

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How long has this earth been whirling around the sun, following a spiral path through endless space.

Professors Camp and Vanderhoof of California University don't know exactly. But New Mexico they have found fossils going back 75,000,000 years, some as recent as 7,000,000 years ago.

Natives employed to dig the fossils "are deeply religious. They castigate themselves with whips, wear long caecus in their sandals as penance for their sins."

If they knew how old the earth is, and knew that it will keep on rolling for at least 1,000 million years longer, they would postpone the caecus.

The University of Pittsburgh has developed a point of light so small that only a microscope can detect it.

The light comes from the point of a quartz pencil finer than the point of a needle. Ultra violet light applied to the big end of the pencil produces the world's tiniest light, that will be used under the microscope to "pick up single cells."

With this quartz pencil, ultra violet rays may be introduced directly into individual diseased cells, not wasting their energy by penetrating outside tissues.

The most important airplane news concerns the organization of a "General Motors of the Air," under the wing of New York's National City Bank.

A few weeks ago Charles E. Mitchell, president of the bank, and his friends in aviation acquired the Boeing Airplane Company, of Seattle, which runs air lines from Chicago to San Francisco and Seattle.

Now the National City crowd takes in the Pratt & Whitney Company that manufactures the "Wasp" and "Hornet" air-cooled engines, and the very successful Vought Company.

That air unit now amounts to \$150,000,000 and will grow. Watch it. But don't gamble in airplane stocks; they are dangerous.

Whitey Sheppard, sentenced to die in Georgia Wednesday, demanded that Davie Braswell, witness against him in his trial and now a prisoner at Milledgeville prison, should witness his execution.

"I want her to see the current going through my body, then she will take back her lies," says "Whitey." Miss Davie is understood to have said, "I am too much of a lady to watch any gentleman die."

Salome, who danced the "Seven Veils" for the pleasure of having a man beheaded, was a different kind of lady.

Experiments with a short wave of the new "beam wireless" show that two or three telegraphic messages and a talking voice could all go over the interesting beam at the same time.

Singing from a distant town, and two Morse telegraph messages, came over the same aerial, received on the same apparatus. The world of science is getting complicated.

Chippewa Falls, Wis., wants to know why Mrs. Brown moved to Mr. Heidelberg's farm to be housekeeper, while Mrs. Heidelberg moved to Mr. Brown's farm to be housekeeper, each taking her children with her.

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MARY TO PRESS BILL FOR RELIEF

Secretary Jardine Endorses New Marketing Measure and Urges Enactment—Oregon Senator to Urge Passage in Short Session—Coolidge Approval Is Expected.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Endorsing the new McNary farm marketing bill, Secretary Jardine today wrote a letter to Senator McNary, Republican of Oregon, urging its enactment at this session in order to make it applicable to the 1929 crop.

Senator McNary, who is chairman of the agricultural committee, announced immediately upon receipt of the letter that he would press his bill for a vote at this session. He said he would seek to assemble the agricultural committee during the Christmas recess or immediately thereafter.

"If we are going to make the proposed farm relief applicable to the 1929 crop," Senator McNary declared, "we must get this bill through at the short session."

Senator Watson of Indiana, the prospective Republican leader of the senate, succeeding Vice-President-elect Curtis, already has initiated steps looking to such action and attempts are now being made to learn the views of Herbert Hoover.

Senator McNary conferred yesterday with President Coolidge on the legislation and he is confident of administration approval of the bill.

There are some senators who say they would prefer to leave the agricultural problem to the Hoover administration. There have been reports from farm organizations that they also would favor that course, but it is believed by administration leaders that the president in naming the proposed farm board would take into consideration the wishes of Mr. Hoover.

Provides Board

The McNary bill would provide for the establishment of a farm marketing board with power to grant licenses to stabilization corporations and to loan money from a \$300,000,000 revolving fund to co-operative marketing associations and their stabilization corporations. The corporations would be empowered to buy and sell crops, thus removing the surpluses from the market in times of plenty and selling it again when shortages occurred.

Discussing the bill Secretary Jardine in his letter said:

"The main objective of this measure, in my opinion, are:

"First—To provide means of handling recurring surpluses in order to stabilize prices of farm products, and thereby to secure the maximum returns for the crop as a whole.

"Second—To enable the producer to get a greater share of the consumer's dollar by reducing the cost of marketing and by preventing speculation and waste in handling farm products; and

"Third—To encourage producers to organize effective associations under their control for a better balanced production, more economical distribution and greater bargaining power in the market.

"I am firmly convinced that these objectives are essential to a sound program for permanent improvement in agriculture and that they are attainable with the aid of the plan proposed in this bill."

ROSE CITY IN WHITE HOUSE SITE CONTEST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Claims of Portland, Oregon, as site for a summer White House were advanced today by Representative F. E. Korell, Republican of that state.

"Always are being laid out," he said, "and trans-continental air travel is just beginning. All of this means that distance between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts has been reduced so that with inauguration of a 24-hour air service the relative distance between Washington and any one of the major Pacific coast cities will not be as great as the distance between Washington and Philadelphia in the days of Washington, Adams and Jefferson."

His statement, inserted in the Congressional Record added that he was calling the matter to the attention of the house because of recent agitation for a summer White House. He said he was "anxious that the claims of my native city, which are great from the standpoint of health, beauty, convenience, and accessibility, shall not be overlooked."

HUNDREDS ARRESTED IN PORTLAND SAFETY DRIVE



Following a week of education, police started a drive against careless autoists with the result that several hundred violators were crowded into a courtroom daily. Inset shows Captain Frank Elvin, chief traffic officer of the Oregon city.

SHORTEST DAY BRINGS CHILL IN MID-WEST BOULDER DAM BILL IS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT MAIL SERVICE PILOT CRASHES IN SNOWSTORM

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Winter came to the middle-west today just as the almanac said it would.

Three deaths in Chicago were attributed to the cold and police reported caring for 250 other men and women forced into the various stations for shelter. Three degrees above zero was the lowest temperature recorded in Chicago.

As the sun scooted to its winter solstice to give the United States its shortest day of the year and herald the official beginning of winter, cold weather swept into the mid-west from Canada.

Winter officially begins at 8:94 p. m. tonight, but for the Dakotas, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and parts of Canada it already has become established.

Devil's Lake, N. D., had a minimum of 18 below yesterday and at Bemarek, N. D., the mercury fell to six below. St. Paul experienced a low temperature of four below while Duluth and Moorhead, Minn., each recorded readings of eight below. Zero weather gripped La Crosse, Wis., and the Pas. Man. shivered in 30 below weather.

More snow was accompanied by a slight temperature rise over most of the Rocky Mountain section.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—A deluge of rain, and freezing temperature today caused ice to form on pavements and sidewalks. The Columbia river highway, near here, was icy.

Sliding off a slippery pavement on a turn above Washington circle, Harold D. Marsh, architect, plunged down 150 feet in his car, and escaped with only a few bruises.

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COURT HEARS ARGUMENTS

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Two murder cases were argued today before the supreme court. In one case Robert Green, a Coos Bay man, was sentenced in the lower court to be executed. In the other George Hannula of Astoria was sentenced to serve life for killing his wife.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—President Coolidge today signed the Boulder Dam bill making effective the act providing for a reclamation, flood control and power project on the Colorado river.

The president affixed his signature before a gathering of proponents of the Swing-Johnson bill, who were brought to the executive office by Senator Johnson and Representative Swing, California Republicans, who for years had led the fight for enactment of the bill.

The measure provides that the government shall apply the \$165,000,000 estimated as necessary to construct a dam and accompanying works in Black canyon. The money is to be repaid under an amortization plan from the proceeds of the sale of power.

The signature of the president was the last official act required in providing federal authority for the construction, but either Utah or Arizona of the seven Colorado river basin states must ratify the Colorado river compact for distribution of water before the act can become effective.

HURON, O., Dec. 21.—(AP)—The air mail lost another pilot last night when the plane of Leo J. McGinn, tossed a 50-mile gale during a heavy snowstorm plunged into an apple tree near here. McGinn was thrown from the cockpit and the plane burned.

McGinn, who lived in Maywood, Ill., was carrying the night air mail from Cleveland to Chicago for the national air transport company. Most of the mail was saved although it was badly damaged by fire or soaked with water or gasoline.

McGinn circled the town three times, apparently trying to locate the air mail beacon. A moment before the fatal crash he tossed a landing flare from the plane. Then it crashed into the tree and into a barn owned by Wright M. Steln, Huron undertaker. Five minutes later the snow stopped entirely and the sky became clear.

The pilot's body was found about a hundred feet from the wreckage. His parachute was intact. This and the fact that the motor of the plane was not shut off led to the belief that McGinn was not expecting the crash.

SEATTLE, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Ensign F. E. Hauck who was killed when his plane crashed near Camp Kearney, Calif., was to have gone on leave last Saturday, but a last minute change in naval orders kept him on duty.

An hour before he was to have left the United States airplane carrier Lexington, to which he was attached, to visit his parents in Seattle all news were cancelled as the ship is to leave shortly on a prolonged trip, his mother said here.

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KNIFE WOUND PROVE FATAL FOR DICKERSON

Corvallis Coach Sued

This Morning—Assault to Face First Degree Murder Charge—Had Police Record.

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP) Lewis (Hip) Dickerson, assistant Oregon State college athletic coach, died at 4 o'clock this morning as the result of a stab wound, said to have been inflicted last Tuesday by Lanza Bryant, a Corvallis youth, in an altercation over a waitress. Bryant, who was being held on an open charge, was removed to Portland by Corvallis authorities, when sentiment became strong against him.

Dickerson met Miss Mae Traxall when she quit work at the Benton hotel coffee shop Monday night and they encountered Bryant on the street. A rough and tumble fight occurred, according to reports received by local officers, and in the melee Dickerson received a five-inch stab wound in the back, the blade of the knife penetrating one of his lungs.

Dickerson was just recovering from influenza, and congestion of the lungs set in. He was a powerful athlete, more than six feet tall, and made a hard fight for life. His physicians said he would have recovered had not complications resulting from influenza developed.

Dickerson was born at Weiser, Idaho, February 27, 1898, and graduated from the Weiser high school. He served in the army during the World war, and in 1923 he entered Oregon State college. He played one year on the freshman football team, and three years on the varsity. He left college temporarily to work, and had returned for a degree in commerce. In addition to his studies he was serving as assistant football coach.

Bryant, who is 20, said after his arrest that "there was a misunderstanding over a 'date' with a girl." He said he could not account for the stabbing. "I must have lost control of myself—I don't remember," he was quoted as saying.

First Degree

Bryant will be charged with first degree murder, said District Attorney Fred McHenry. He declared the attack clearly was premeditated.

District Attorney McHenry said today that Bryant had been in trouble frequently with police, and that he had frightened Miss Traxall with attempted attentions, which led Dickerson to offer to take her home after her work at midnight.

Officers said that Dickerson recovered the knife with which he was stabbed in the street fight, and spared his attacker who begged for mercy.

Dickerson was six feet seven inches tall. His size earned him the nickname of "Hippo"—later shortened to "Hip"—when he was a tackle on the Oregon State college football team.

Dickerson is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Dickerson, Weiser, Ida., and two sisters, Mrs. E. O. Pinney, Weiser, and Mrs. W. W. Smith of Portland, all of whom were with him when he died.

Lewis (Hip) Dickerson, freshman football coach at O. S. C., who died this morning from a knife stab at the hands of a Corvallis youth, angered over the attentions Dickerson paid to a young lady, was well known in this city and the Rogue River valley among former O. A. C. and high school students.

Dickerson visited this city last spring and officiated at several Ashland-Medford football games. He was a giant in size and of a likable disposition and acted as a sort of good will emissary to high school athletes.

Will Rogers Says:

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—There is some nuts got a habit here in New York I doubt if it has reached your town, for most of your states have asylums. It's to go bare-headed on the street. Now he has worn something on his head ever since his mother tied a hood under his chin, but he has never attracted any attention, so he lets it rain down his neck to show people that he bathes. If your head hasn't got enough in it to carry a hat, why all the sunshine on it in the world won't do any good. We have a scene in our show where another comedian and myself come out with dress suits and barefooted, no difference from being bareheaded on the street. Only we get paid for attracting attention and being funny. Let women leave off something, they do it much better than men. Every time a woman leaves off something she looks better, but every time a man leaves off something he looks worse. Yours, WILL ROGERS.

PLURALITY FOR HOOVER 6,423,612

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Herbert Hoover's plurality over Governor Smith in the November election was 6,423,612.

Figures gathered by the Associated Press from the election officials of the 48 states show these totals:

Hoover 21,429,109.
 Smith 15,005,497.

The total vote cast, the largest in the history of the United States, was 36,789,669.

The votes not accounted for in the Hoover and Smith columns went to minor parties.

Norman Thomas, the socialist candidate, received the majority of these votes, polling 267,935. Foster, workers party candidate, got 48,228 and Reynolds, socialist-labor 21,181. Varney, prohibitionist candidate, got almost as many as Reynolds, 20,101, and Webb, farmer-labor 6391.

Mr. Hoover's plurality did not reach the figures registered for President Coolidge in 1924, although the former secretary of commerce polled a much larger vote. In that year Mr. Coolidge received 15,725,016 votes, giving him a lead of 7,335,513 over John W. Davis, Democratic nominee. The LaFollette-Wheeler independent ticket, however, had 4,822,856 votes.

Hoover carried forty states as against thirty-seven carried by President Coolidge four years ago. Pennsylvania gave him his largest majority, 387,796, while Governor Smith's largest plurality was in Louisiana where he had a lead of 113,495. While overwhelmed both in the popular vote and in the electoral college, Governor Smith's total was more than six million higher than the 3,856,503 cast for Mr. Davis in 1924.

Higher Than Coolidge

Mr. Hoover's vote was higher in every state than that of Mr. Coolidge four years ago with the exception of Rhode Island. This held true in President Coolidge's home state of Massachusetts which was carried by Governor Smith.

The governor's total was less than the Democratic figures of four years ago in New Mexico, Tennessee and Texas, notwithstanding the large increase in the number of ballots cast.

The Hoover column shows he received more than a million votes in five states—California, Illinois, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Governor Smith reached the million mark in Illinois, New York and Pennsylvania.

States of the once-solid south recorded 3,004,145 votes for the two major party candidates, almost a million less than cast in New York for Mr. Hoover and Governor Smith.

Hoover polled 1,306,483 of these and Smith 1,307,637 in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, and North Carolina, all of whom had supported the Democratic presidential candidate since reconstruction days until the present election.

Southern Vote

Mr. Hoover's southern vote was more than double that of Mr. Coolidge four years ago and almost twice the combined figures for the president and Senator LaFollette that year. It came within 91,000 votes of equalling Mr. Davis' total in the same territory.

The vote of 26,789,669 showed a big jump over the figures for 1924 when 23,991,417 persons cast ballots in the presidential race. This increase was especially reflected in the south, Alabama as an example recording 248,981 ballots as against 166,592 four years ago. Other states in various sections showed a similar result.

The increase for the nation as a whole over 1924 was slightly more than 25 per cent. In the south the figures were approximately 35 per cent higher than they were four years ago.

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SECRETARY REJECTS ALL OIL FIELD BIDS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Secretary West today rejected all bids for government oil from the Salt Creek field, Wyoming, because the highest bidder refused to make a bond and give information requested by the department, and then entered into a contract with the White Eagle Oil and Refining company and the Texas company for the oil at a private sale.

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SATISFACTORY NEWS OF KING IS GIVEN OUT

Brief Bulletin Says Monarch Passed Restful Night—Public Impression King Continues Slow Gain—Prince George Arrives.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—(AP) Today's bulletin from Buckingham palace on King George, one of the briefest yet issued, brought the satisfactory news that he had passed a restful night, calculated to help build up his strength from the extreme exhaustion caused by his prolonged and grave illness.

The bulletin, taken in the light of yesterday's lengthy and guardedly optimistic report by the king's physicians, was felt to indicate that there was nothing appreciable to add to what on the whole was considered a favorable situation.

This morning's bulletin read:

"The king has had a restful night. There is no appreciable change to be noted."

The view taken in palace circles, it was learned, coincided with the public impression from the bulletin that his majesty is continuing to gain slowly. His physicians, it was indicated, are satisfied with the course that events are taking. They are not expected to make any further statement on the king's case until the usual hour for the night bulletin.

While the physicians were attending his majesty in the sick chamber, the council of state which was appointed to act for the king during his illness held a brief privy council in another part of the palace.

All of the six councillors were present, the queen, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, Premier Baldwin, the Archbishop of Canterbury and Lord Jellicham, the lord high chancellor. It was understood that the queen presided.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—(AP) Prince George, completing his trip from Bermuda where he had been stationed on H. M. S. Durban, arrived in London at 4:05 o'clock this afternoon to see his father.

AMERICAN SHIP HITS ROCKS OFF TAMPICO

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Disasters from Tampico today said that the American steamer Nevada had gone on the rocks off Tampico in a gale. Heavy seas prevailed and efforts to rescue the crew were fruitless. They were in no immediate danger.

BANK ROBBERS FLEE WHEN LADY SCREAMS

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DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS FOR WRIGHTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—President Coolidge signed a message today awarding the distinguished flying cross to Orville Wright and his brother, the late Wilbur Wright, builders of the first airplane to make an actual flight.

MURDERER IS HANGED DURING SNOWSTORM

PARRY SOUND, Ont., Dec. 21.—(AP)—John Burowski, convicted of the murder of Thomas Jackson, farmer, after a mail car holdup near here last August 18, was hanged in a snowstorm in the courtyard of the district jail today.

A biting wind whirled snow down on the courtyard as Burowski walked up the steps to the platform, lighted by a single bulb. He objected momentarily to the black cap, but yielded to the hangman's insistence and murmured a short prayer as the trap was sprung.

Oregon Weather

Oregon: Cloudy east and rain and snow west portion tonight and Saturday, no change in temperature. Increasing southeast winds.

THE NOTED DEAD

ROME, Italy, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The Stefani News Agency today reported the death of Count Luigi Cadorna, commander of the Italian army from 1915 to 1917, at his home in Bordighera.

The famous statesman and soldier, who has been seriously ill for the past week, died at 4 o'clock this afternoon. He had been suffering from arterial sclerosis and on Monday night was stricken with cerebral thrombosis.