

**The Weather**  
Forecast — Cloudy and foggy to night and Saturday; probably rain.  
Highest yesterday 48  
Lowest this morning 28

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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

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## Today

By Arthur Brisbane

Coming and Going.  
All Skies Rosy.  
1000 Universes, and More.  
Everything Bigger.

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By Arthur Brisbane

Herbert Hoover is on his way back to America and work, arriving next week. He will plan his cabinet, consulting many, and doing exactly as he pleases. And two months from today he will take charge of the situation.

Mr. Coolidge did exactly the right thing after the war, when the country needed two things, first, to save money, second, to be let alone, free from dangerous experimenting.

Mr. Hoover will find a different situation, a different job. The "coasting" period is over, the time has come to supply power to take the engine uphill.

Mr. Hoover's reputation as President will depend on the things that he himself actually DOES.

Fortunately for him, he is trained as an engineer, trained in government work, and he knows from careful study what the country needs.

Wall Street started the new year cheerfully, as was to be expected.

With a first class President going out, and a first class President coming in, and all the skies rosy, why should Wall Street be sad? The interest on call money was only 10 per cent. Even the solemn, quiet old Pennsylvania railroad got excited, going up to a new high price.

What we call the universe, with its Milky Way, in which our sun is a tiny speck, and its thousand million stars, each a sun with a planet revolving around it, turns out to be only one little corner of the universe.

Scientists tell you that 1000 universes surround us, some as far away as the distance that light could travel in 1,000,000 years, going 186,000 miles a second.

Space is said to be "transparent" and with improving telescopes and stellar photography, scientists hope to penetrate and measure the universe.

What science calls the 1000 universes are probably only 1000 little ant hills with millions like them scattered through infinite space.

The scheme is too big even for a scientific mind. Fortunately, it does not prevent the little man attending to business close at hand.

Dr. Osborn, head of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, rebukes another scientist who dragged into scientific discussion the statement that man "needs to change his concept of God."

Dr. Osborn quoted the negro preacher, who, on a stormy Sunday, "thanked the Lord that Thou art with us tonight despite the weather."

When the bartender placed a glass of water beside her glass of gin, an old lady in an English public house said: "Young man, I have trouble enough without drinking water."

Scientists have trouble enough without stirring up religious discussions and animosities.

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## ENDURANCE TEST PLANE CONTINUES

**Question Mark Continues Aloft With Motors Performing Flawlessly—To Refuel Late Today—Weather Conditions Improved.**

**METROPOLITAN AIRPORT, Los Angeles, Jan. 4.—(AP)—**The Question Mark appeared over the Metropolitan airport shortly after one o'clock today completing a leisurely journey from Imperial valley. The big ship was given 100 gallons of gasoline by refueling ship No. 1, which accompanied the Question Mark here. The endurance plane's big motors were performing flawlessly, as it neared its seventy-ninth hour in the air. In a message dropped to the field, Major Carl Stutz, commanding officer of the ship, instructed the delivery of food and making of a gasoline contact at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon. He also asked for a gasoline contact at midnight. The return of the Question Mark was uneventful and the improved weather conditions were proving an aid to the flight, the officers said.

## SCHOOL FORCES ISSUE DEFTI TO COMMISSION

**PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 4.—(AP)—**The public school forces of the state issued their challenge to the property tax relief commission today. H. E. Inlow, retiring president of the Oregon State Teachers' association and superintendent of the Pendleton schools, was spokesman for the educational bodies in the fight against the proposed elimination of the two-mill elementary school tax. "We are compelled to oppose any attempt to abandon the two-mill elementary school tax unless a sound and suitable substitute is found for it—and we see no respectable substitute in view," said Mr. Inlow. "We will take our fight into the legislature or to the people if the commission recommends abolishing this tax. Of course if at the legislature a sound and stable solution can be found, we will be glad to go into a conference with this or any other body having the matter in charge to study the question. We would like to work with this commission, but will be unable to do so if it continues to recommend a repeal of the two-mill elementary tax without giving a proper and suitable substitute."

Mr. Inlow declared many school folk oppose the proposed tobacco tax to raise school funds in lieu of the elementary tax. He said these people hold it would be insistent to raise educational funds this way. For himself, he declared the chief objection to be that it would be unstable and could never be depended upon. He said any luxury tax would be unworkable on account of being undependable.

## LUNACY DEFENSE FAILS FOR PAIR UNDER SENTENCE

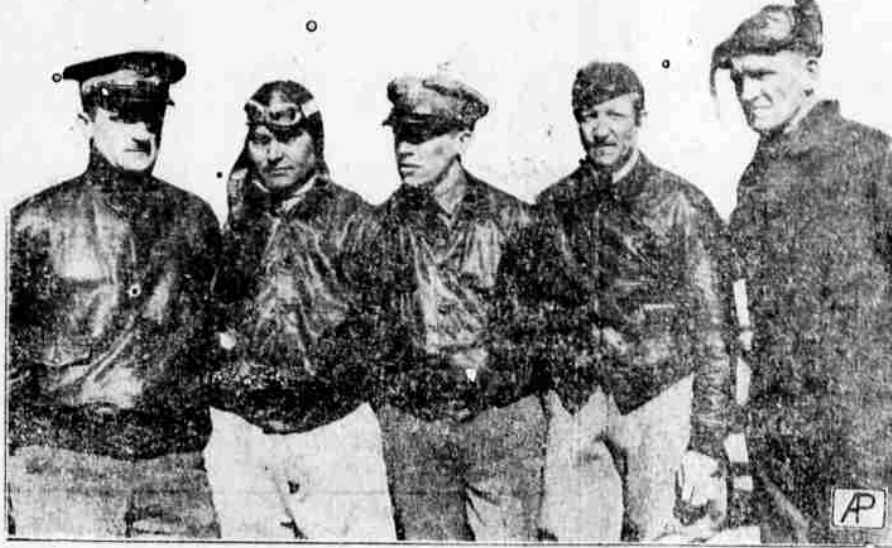
**FRANKLIN, La., Jan. 4.—(AP)—**Judge James D. Sinton today ruled in the district court of St. Mary Parish that Mrs. Ada Bonner Lebeouf and Dr. Thomas E. Dreher, sentenced to hang tomorrow, are sane.

Earlier in the day he had overruled a motion of defense lawyers for the appointment of a lunacy commission to inquire into the present sanity of their clients and the defense now plans to appeal to the state supreme court for a stay of execution and mandamus to require appointment of a lunacy commission.

The supreme court appeared to be only hope for the condemned man and woman to escape the gallows tomorrow, as Governor Long has refused to intercede.

"There is no doubt in my mind that the accused are at present sane and therefore the application is denied," concluded Judge Simon's written opinion.

## FLIERS WHO SEEK ENDURANCE RECORD



Army aviators who are participating in the attempt to set a world's record for sustained flight in the giant Fokker monoplane "Question Mark." Left to right: Major Carl Stutz, Captain Ira C. Falker, Lieutenant E. R. Quesada, Captain R. G. Hoyt, pilot of fuel ship, and Sergeant R. W. Hoce.

## MAN HUNT FOR JACK HELPS IN BANK ROBBER BALLYHOO FOR IS CONTINUED

**MEXICO, Mo., Jan. 4.—(AP)—**A bank robbery which became a man-hunt was the introduction of two Missouri sheriffs to their duties two days after they took office. Search for Tom Davis, 40, of Chicago, wanted for the \$21,000 hold-up of the First National bank here yesterday, was continued today. Davis eluded posses one time during the early morning, only again to be forced into the woods by the sheriff's forces. One robber was killed in the escape, and the third was jailed. His first aid was John Matthews, 29, of Dallas; later he gave his name as John E. Bruck of New York City. He said the dead man was Willie Hightower of Fort Worth, Tex., and the robber who escaped was Davis. Hightower was wounded as the robbers sped through Auxvasse, about 12 miles south of here. Hightower collapsed over the steering wheel and when Davis attempted to control the machine it skidded into a ditch. Davis and Bruck took to the woods, a posse capturing Bruck soon after.

Davis slipped through the posse, reaching a garage on the U. S. highway 49, where he held up the attendant and started away in a stolen car. He saw an approaching posse and turned back. They found his abandoned machine several miles further on, stalled in a snow bank, and later came upon a second car stolen and left by the roadside. Again surrounded in the woods, Davis was chased across Auxvasse creek and into higher ground, where several cabins offered shelter. He was known to have been armed with a revolver and a rifle, stolen from an automobile. The possesmen were patrolling the wooded hills to keep Davis penned up for a daylight sortie.

It was the first bank robbery Mexico had experienced and of the loot, the cash, \$9,500, was recovered near Auxvasse. His last official contribution was made last night when he passed through Macon. Young Stridling, back from Kansas City and a New Year's day bout, had just arrived and was at the station when the Dixie Flyer came thru with Dempsey aboard. "Hi, Strib," was Dempsey's greeting to the young Georgian whom he had never seen in action. Dempsey said he was in a hurry to reach Miami, where Rickard is ill after an appendicitis operation, and going Stridling, a licensed pilot, offered to fly him down. "No, I'd better go on," Jack replied, "but I would have been glad to have stayed over with you for a while if Rickard had not been ill. Thanks for your offer and for coming down to the train."

The interviewers the mauler said he was not sure yet whether he wanted to box again, and voiced the opinion that he thought the winner of the Stridling-Sharkey set would be the next champion. At Atlanta earlier in the evening, Dempsey said he would not referee the Miami Beach encounter as had been planned, but would not be drawn out. "Sharkey's a good fighter," he told sports writers who asked his opinion as to the Miami Beach fight, "but I haven't seen Stridling. I understand, however, that he has got a powerful sock in that right hand now, and has improved a lot in many ways."

## POLICE DISCLOSE SUICIDE REASON OF BRIDE-TO-BE

**PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 4.—(AP)—**The motive for the suicide of Miss Tola Swain, as guests were assembling for her wedding last October, was believed by police to have been found today in diaries of the bride-to-be, which were found in her room. Miss Swain, 22, was arrested at her home in Wilkingsburg, Pa., and indicted by the grand jury yesterday on a charge of perjury in having sworn in his application for a marriage license that he never had been married.

The wedding had been planned and the guests had arrived before her death became known. Friends said that earlier in the day she had met Baird and also had talked with him over the telephone. Her body, surrounded by her wedding party and with a pastor clutched in her hand, was found on her bed. A note nearby read: "I have nothing to live for. Please forgive me."

## ALBRIGHT APPOINTED AS ACTING DIRECTOR

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—(AP)—**Horace M. Albright of California was appointed acting director of the national park service today by Secretary West. Mr. Albright, who has been superintendent of Yellowstone National park and a member of the park service since its formation, will act in the place of Stephen T. Mather, who has been ill in Chicago since November 4.

## PROSPERITY SHOWN IN SHIPMENTS

**Valley Enjoys Greatest Year—Approximately 11,000 Cars Rolled—One-Third Fresh Fruit—Lumber Output Heavy—Gold Hill Cement Plant Heavy Producer—Poultry Shipped.**

In view of the carload shipments of fruit, lumber and other valley products, the Rogue River valley in 1928 enjoyed the most prosperous year in its history, figures supplied by the Medford Chamber of Commerce today revealed. Carload shipments had an approximate total of 11,000, of which over one-third included shipments of fresh fruit. No estimate has been made of the approximate value of the products, but it is believed to be easily over \$10,000,000 and perhaps close to \$12,000,000. Next to the shipment of fresh fruits, which is credited with 4500 cars, is the lumber industry with the shipment of 4000 cars from Medford and valley points to outside and foreign markets. Like fruit shipments, the lumber was shipped to all parts of the United States and also to European and Asiatic markets. Shipment of cement is credited to Gold Hill with 1200 cars, making Gold Hill one of the heaviest shipping points in the state for its class. The cement is manufactured by the Beaver Portland Cement company in a plant employing a large number of men. Lumber shipments came principally from Medford, the Owen-Oregon Lumber company shipping many cars daily from its mill at the north end of the city, where several hundred men are employed during the busy season, with nearly as many employed in lumber camps near Butte Falls. Ship Shook Third in valley shipping is box shoo, credited with 875 cars, most of which was made in Medford by the Tomlin Box factory and which was shipped to all parts of the nation. During busy seasons the company is said to be so rushed that numerous large orders must be turned down. Box shoo is also manufactured in Ashland and its carload shipments are included in the total. The Ashland factory also at times must turn away work. Indicating a greater than average activity in the canning industry, 225 cars of cannery products were shipped during 1928, with the bulk coming from plants at Medford and Ashland. The next two important totals are of poultry and hay, with 50 cars for the former and 20 for the latter. The poultry shipments, including eggs, turkeys and chickens, when especially heavy during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, when turkeys are shipped in large numbers to California, Portland, Seattle, eastern and New York markets. As a result of such shipments turkey growing is rapidly becoming one of the county's major industries, with some ranchers raising as many as 1300 in one season, selling every bird at good market prices. Miscellaneous Shipments Other carload shipments from the valley include granite products, 10 cars; grass seed, 10; vegetables, 50; miscellaneous, 50. The miscellaneous shipments include small shipments of wheat, cattle, sheep and other products. The shipment of 50 cars of vegetables keeps many truck gardens busy throughout the valley, with some especially large. Tomatoes, melons, potatoes, greens, hothouse, broccolis and other toothsome products are among the main items shipped. Exact figures supplied by the Chamber of Commerce for the year have a total of 11,000 and it is possible that this may be larger. No figures have been received on this matter from the Southern Pacific company, which handled the shipments, but they are said to make this section the best paying shipping point between Portland and Sacramento, Cal. Several of the shipments are seasonal, particularly fresh fruits, which are shipped from Medford from the beginning of August to the latter part of November, with few shipments made from cold storage during December. Lumber shipments are more equally divided through the year.

## ERASE RUM CHARGE

**PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 4.—(AP)—**Louise charges against Bidwell Middle, Klamath Indian, who was slain November 28 on the Klamath reservation, were wiped off the federal court books here by order of Judge Dean yesterday.

## \$240,500 SOUGHT FOR IMPROVEMENT CRESCENT HARBOR

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—(AP)—**The war department bill, reported to the house, includes \$240,500 for improvement and maintenance of the harbor at Crescent City, Cal. A breakwater extension for the mouth of the Umpqua river is estimated for improvement of the Umpqua river, \$250,000 is sought. Other items for Oregon include: Coos Bay, \$191,400; Coos river, \$3000; Coquille river, \$7000; Yaquina river, \$19,000; Yaquina bay and harbor, \$17,000; Tillamook bay and harbor, \$28,000; Columbia and lower Willamette rivers, \$250,000.

## EASTERN OREGON GETS CUT IN FREIGHT RATE

**SALEM, Ore., Jan. 4.—(AP)—**The public service commission is informed that the Southern Pacific company is establishing through rates on agricultural products from Bend and Redmond south to San Francisco and Los Angeles, applying to all intermediate points. This has been brought about by the Great Northern extension from Bend to Klamath Falls and takes the place of local rate combinations of the former routing by way of Portland. The new rates give shippers a reduction.

## NO CHANGE SEEN FOR KING GEORGE

**LONDON, Eng., Jan. 4.—(AP)—**The 8:15 p. m. bulletin on King George tonight said: "There is no change to report in his majesty's condition. He has had a quiet day." Only Sir Stanley Hewett and Lord Dawson of Penn signed this.

## El Rabbi in Sea Bathing Times Daily

**NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—(AP)—**Here's a 72-year-old man who for the last seven years has been diving into the sea several times every day except on religious holidays. He's Rabbi Narim Weisman of Brooklyn. Every day he arises at 2:30 a. m., spends an hour in prayer, drinks a pinch, dries a coat over his naked form, dons a fur cap—in winter weather—takes a dip in a Coney Island breakwater and plunges into the ocean seven times. He usually stays in the water 15 minutes. Then he lights a fire from newspapers on the beach, dries himself, puts on his clothes, takes back home and attends to his official duties. He has been ill only one day in seven years.

## FARM BUREAU MEETING FOR STOCKHOLDERS

The annual stockholders' meeting of the Farm Bureau will be held at the Hotel Medford tomorrow afternoon starting at 2:00 o'clock. One of the chief purposes of the meeting, will be the adoption of the plan, under consideration by the Farm Bureau and the Jackson County Grange members for the past three months for a reorganization of the Farm Bureau, whereby its scope will be increased. Sufficient new members have been secured to increase the capitalization of the Farm Bureau to \$50,000.

Other matters to come before the meeting will be the election of officers for the year, and the reading of the annual reports of various departments. New plans for the year will be outlined and discussed. There are 250 stockholders in the Farm Bureau, and representatives of all districts of the county will be in attendance. Bureau Opens Hog Pool The Farm Bureau is making up a carload of hogs, on a pool basis to be shipped to the Portland market, early next week, according to Manager Clay D. Parker. More hogs are needed to complete the shipments.

Hogs are now listed on the Portland market at 19 cents a pound, and this means a profit for the raiser, with a predicted further rise in the price. Owners of marketable hogs are requested to get in touch with the Farm Bureau. No returns, as yet, have been received on the turkey pool shipments to the New York market for the holiday trade.

## NEW YORK CROOKS PROMISED COFFINS BY CHICAGO COPS

**CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—(AP)—**Coffins for killers was the jolly sentiment pronounced today by Police Commissioner Russell in response to reports that 30 New York gangsters were en route to Chicago. "We've a coffin for every one that gets here," he said. "We had one to fit Frank Orlando not so long ago, and the supply is still good." Orlando, a robber-slayer from New Jersey, with a reward on his head, was slain by police while he fled from a robbery. The report of a gangster influx was based on the crusade of New York's new police commissioner, Grover Whalen, by which many bad men are said to have been driven from that city. "We won't drive them out," said Commissioner Russell. "We'll ship 'em back in boxes. Our police in the last five months have killed 20 gangsters and wounded 54 more. Tell that to the boys in New York."

## WILL ROGERS SAYS: EVERYBODY IS PICKING ON THAT POOR BOY OUT THERE IN CALIFORNIA THAT'S WRON'G WAY WITH THAT FOOTBALL. IF I WERE A EDITORIAL WRITER I LIKE MR. HEARST, MR. BRISBANE, BRUCE BARTON, GLENN FRANK AND ALL OF THOSE, I WOULD ASK HOW MANY OF THE HUNDRED AND TEN MILLION OF THE REST OF US ARE HEADED THE WRONG WAY, HOW MANY OF US HAVE EVER HAD PRESENCE OF MIND ENOUGH TO PICK UP A FUMBLE, HOW MANY GRABBED OUT OF THE SCRAMBLE AND DON'T KNOW TILL THEY REACH THE GOAL LINE WHETHER IT'S THE RIGHT ONE OR NOT. SO COME ON, PREACHERS, HOP ON THIS AS YOUR TEXT. ALL I WANT IS 10 PER CENT OF THAT SUNDAY'S COLLECTION TO GET THIS BOY A MEDAL FOR AT LEAST DOING SOMETHING DIFFERENT FROM ONE MILLION OTHER COLLEGE BOYS. EVEN IF IT WAS WRONG, HIS MIND WASN'T STANDARDIZED. YOURS, WILL ROGERS.

## MORE RAIDS IN GOTHAM LAST NIGHT

**NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—(AP)—**Another sortie by Police Commissioner Whalen's liquor raiders landed more than 50 speakeasy proprietors in jail today. Fifty places were raided Wednesday night and 50 last night. The first tour of poolrooms and other hideaways of crooks and gamblers by the newly revived "strong-arm" squads brought out the fact that underworld characters known to the police had deserted their usual haunts. The Manhattan squads visited places on the Bowery, in Chinatown and along the wharves, then swung up into the mid-town white-light district without finding any of the undesirables they had been instructed to drive out. But in one place the squad demonstrated strong-arm tactics. The detectives entered a basement resort in West 51st street, searched and questioned patrons and ordered them out. Then, after seizing a quantity of liquor, they wrecked the place. Crowbars and axes were used to smash the bar, furniture, mirrors and glassware. This was the second place demolished in the campaign against "crime-breeding speakeasies." A place in Greenwich Village was wrecked in a similar manner Wednesday night.

Members of the liquor raiding squad concentrated their activities in Harlem where about two-thirds of the raids were made. In one instance police confiscated supplies of liquor. Commissioner Whalen announced he would avail himself of the weapon placed in his hands by the court of appeals yesterday when it ruled that speakeasies violated the state nuisance law. Proceedings against liquor dispensing places under the nuisance law would permit taking cases in to the state courts as well as federal.

The commissioner said the drive against so-called "smokehouses," places where low grade or poisonous liquor is sold, would be continued until the city had been rid of all crime-breeding resorts. Failure of the "strong-arm" men to find gangsters last night was regarded by police officials as confirmation of reports that crooks and other undesirables were leaving the city for Chicago and other points.

## Battery Plant Blazes

**LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4.—(AP)—**The plant of the National Battery works was swept by a fire here early today which caused damage estimated at \$125,000.

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## TWELVE-PASSENGER PLANE VISITS AIRPORT

A Boeing 12-passenger cabin plane, arriving from the south this forenoon at 2:45, attracted a large crowd of local citizens to the airport to view the giant machine, which is one of the largest ever to land in Medford. It has a wing spread of 80 feet, is 65 feet long and is powered by three motors, having a combined strength of approximately 1200 horsepower. It is in charge of Pilot Lewis and Little and will leave tomorrow for Seattle.