

The Weather
Forecast — Partly cloudy tonight
Thursday: continued cold.
Highest yesterday — 49
Lowest this morning — 35

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Highest year ago today — 38
Lowest year ago today — 20

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Today

By Arthur Brisbane

President's Jack Knives. We Have Some New Planes And We Need Them. Chinese, \$1000 Each.

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Two friends, invited to the White House luncheon Monday, found Mrs. Coolidge and the President very cheerful. No looming sad departure there, but rather cheerfulness as in a school just before vacation begins.
It is impossible to exaggerate the feeling of responsibility that has weighed the President, taking over the nation at the end of a great war, with tens of billions of debts. He feels now like one about to be relieved of a heavy burden.

The newspaper story has it that the President, asked what he planned to do, said he thought he might do "a little whittling." That is not all of the president's plan, of which no one but himself knows anything.
But "whittling" is a word that takes Calvin Coolidge back to his childhood in Vermont, when the important thing in the world was a jack knife. His costume was a two-piece affair, shirt and overalls, bare feet in summer. The overalls had wide pockets in front, and his darkest moment followed a somersault in a hay field and the discovery that the jack knife had fallen out.

The Coolidge jack knives were elaborate, some of them, and fairly plentiful. For this reason the President's father sold his country store and its contents, after elaborate trading, the buyer declaring the stock in trade out of date, worthless.

It was agreed that whatever the buyer could not sell within two years Mr. Coolidge would take back.
The time came and the few goods returned and put up in the Coolidge garret included hats, no longer in the fashion, even in rural Vermont, and several jack knives.

Finding himself in the White House, President of the United States, was no more excited to Calvin Coolidge grown up than knowing about those "four blade" jack knives in the garret to young Coolidge in overalls.

Uncle Sam's fleet in the Pacific, about to start for winter maneuvers near Panama, will take along the greatest naval flying fleet ever assembled, flying machines, Secretary Wilbur, and the President, who is the boss of the navy, ought to be congratulated on this fact.

Not a ship in the air fleet is more than nine months old.
It is a comfort to know that we are building some airships. Panama would need them in case of war.

Senator Reed told the Senate the other day that if we had trouble with Britain, the Panama Canal would be wiped out, from the air, within five hours.
Profits have gone up in all directions. Once Chinese smugglers into this country paid \$300 each to the smugglers. Now they pay \$1,000 each and come in by airplane.
Five air smugglers of Chinese, and two airplanes, have been seized by government agents.

In old days Chinese were smuggled ashore from ships in small boats, had their hands and feet bound. If there was danger of capture the unfortunate Chinese were tossed overboard to drown.
Whether the airplane smugglers would drop their contraband passengers is another question.
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Citizens to Decide \$120,000 Improvement—Money to Be Handled by City Body—Inadequacy of Present Field Shown—Minimum Sum Is Asked.

The city council last night passed legislation providing for a special election on Tuesday, April 2, next, to submit the question to the people of voting \$120,000 in bonds for a new and modern airport.

Before the vote was taken Councilman E. H. Janney stated that it was to be understood by all concerned that the city council would have the spending of the airport money, and not the Chamber of Commerce, which committee was in formally endorsed by the other councilmen. He stated that the committee had a bare majority of 1 and 8 p. m.

Mr. Dillard stated that \$120,000 (Continued on Page Eight.)

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Only three of his appointments were made by Mayor A. W. Pipes at last night's city council meeting. The chief appointments were those of John H. Carkin as city assessor, Police Chief Clotus McCreidie and Fire Chief Roy Elliot. The mayor also announced his appointments of the standing city council committees, with the comment to the councilmen that he hoped his list would be satisfactory to all of them. If not they could agree among themselves on changes which would be made.

WHERE SALVATION ARMY MEETS



Sunbury Court, Sunbury-on-Thames, England, where the first High Council meeting in the history of the Salvation Army began January 8, to decide future administration and control of the organization.

SILKEN HOSIERY COMMISSION TO CITED AS PROOF SCAN GENERAL OUR DECADENCE LAW VIOLATION

CLEVELAND, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Silk stockings were cited as proof of our decadence law violation. Channing Pollock says no civilization in U. S.—Culture Composed Principally of Movies, Trial Marriage and Autos.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—(AP)—President-elect Hoover is to appoint a special commission soon after March 4 to investigate prohibition and general law violations as well as court procedure and to make recommendations looking to improvement of the whole situation.
The general situation in New York state, which is giving the president-elect concern both from its political and patronage aspects, was canvassed at conferences held by Mr. Hoover at his home with Charles D. Hilles, Republican national committeeman for the Empire state, and Ogden Mills, under secretary of the treasury.
The next chief executive first talked with Mr. Mills, whose home is in New York City, and Mr. Hilles was called in later for an extended conference. If any decisions were reached information concerning them was withheld.
The general situation in political circles here have been that there is a disengagement among Republican leaders in New York on the distribution of patronage. Recommendations along this line must come from the national and state party leaders since both of the senators from New York are Democrats.
From circles close to the president-elect the information has come that Mr. Mills probably will succeed Andrew W. Mellon as secretary of the treasury when the veteran Pennsylvania retiree after perhaps two more years of service.
Mr. Hoover had a rapid succession of conferences with senators and representatives. One of his early callers was Senator Brookhart of Iowa, who predicted a harmonious special session of the first congress. He said he predicted this upon his belief that there was general satisfaction with the farm relief ideas of the president-elect.
Cabinet and other appointments were discussed with Mr. Hoover by Senator Reed of Pennsylvania, who said he made no recommendations but did supply the president-elect with a list of Pennsylvania men in public service and a list of those deemed available for service.

AUTO TRAGEDY IN PORTLAND TAKES ITS THIRD LIFE

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 16.—(AP)—An automobile tragedy in the small hours of last Sunday morning took its third life today when Effie Gibson, 29, died in a hospital here. Her sister, Mrs. Bertha Seymour, 27, and Theodore Bushuk, 21, died a few hours after the automobile crashed into a telephone pole. Catherine Patrick, 18, and Walter Lord, 19, are in a hospital suffering from broken legs and other injuries.
Lyle Johnson, 20, driver of the car in which the party was returning from a dance, will be held for grand jury action, on recommendation of a coroner's jury. Testifying at the inquest, young Wilson admitted he had been drinking and that the three boys had consumed six quarts of beer and a pint of whiskey before entering the automobile.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—(AP)—The senate bill to authorize \$25,000 for improvement of the Oregon caves in Siskiyou national forest, was passed today by the senate.
Representative Hawley, Republican, Oregon, said the money was needed for lighting the caves and making them more accessible.

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Senate Passes Salary Boost Over Veto — Other Bills Feel Ike's Axe — Briggs Tells House Jackson Delegation Drawing Measure On County Funds.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 16.—(AP)—With only Senator Staples voting in the senate today passed over the veto of Governor Patterson a senate bill of the 1927 session which provides for an increase in the salaries of certain officers of the Josephine county and fixes the minimum salary at \$1800.
The salary of the county judge is increased from \$1500 to \$1800, county commissioners from \$4 to \$5 a day when on duty, treasurer from \$1200 to \$1800, school superintendent from \$1200 to \$1800, assessor from \$1200 to \$1800, and \$1300.
The vetoes are made effective as of January 1, 1929.
The veto of the governor was sustained on the following bills of the 1927 session:
S. B. 144, by Hall—Empowering the legislature to designate the width of county roads, particularly sandy roads in Multnomah county.
S. B. 194, by Butt—Placing the inter-county bridges at Newberg and Corvallis on the state highway system.
S. B. 124, by Norblad—Giving justices of the peace and district judges power to suspend sentences from the bench.
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SALEM, Ore., Jan. 16.—(AP)—The house of representatives today consented to the sustaining of the governor's veto of House Bill 196, passed by the 1927 session of the state legislature, which would allow county treasurers to invest in county bonds, municipal bonds and school district bonds, only after Briggs of Jackson county assured the house that the Jackson county delegation is preparing a bill which will hit the present restrictions on investment of the county funds.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 16.—(AP)—Glen E. Metzger, house member from Clatsop county, Tuesday morning introduced a bill which would do away with the secrecy of the records of the state industrial accident commission. The bill the bill which would amend section 611 of Oregon laws would amend entirely the following paragraph:
The records of the commission comprising information received by an investigation from the employees and supervisors pursuant to the provisions of this act shall not be open to public inspection.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 16.—(AP)—When Sam A. Conroy, state budget director, appeared before the wage and means committee last night and undertook to go thru the ponderous state budget, explaining it to the members of the committee, he found himself, after talking about an hour, enmeshed in a tangle of questions fired at him by the skeptical legislators.
The country home of Mrs. R. J. Conroy, on the Old Stage road, completely destroyed by fire this afternoon. Neighbors were able to save the house furnishing from destruction and the local fire department was able to save several outbuildings. The fire is attributed to a defective flue and the entire attic was afire before the flames were discovered.
The house was a large structure, was one of the most attractive homes on the stage road, and was partially covered by insurance. Mrs. Conroy and children were occupying the home and had lived there for some time.
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TOLEDO, Ohio, Jan. 16.—(AP)—T. J. Tolled was killed today when a wing on his airplane tore as he was coming into the field. His plane fell 100 feet.
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POOR MAN TO BENEFIT FROM AUTO CHANGES

Senate Committee Adopts Tentative Schedule of Decreased Fees—To Penalize Hard Tired Trucks, Trailers.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 16.—(AP)—The special state senate committee that has been studying automobile license reduction for several months got definitely to work today with the adoption of a tentative schedule of decreased fees. This was the tentative adoption in part only of a schedule submitted by the state highway department.
For cars weighing 1700 pounds or less, the schedule calls for a flat fee of \$10. For those weighing 3000 pounds or more it proposes decrease, under present fees but an increase over the schedule submitted by the highway department sufficient to offset the difference between the \$10 flat fee on light cars and the fees proposed in the highway department's projected schedule.
For cars weighing from 1800 to 3000 pounds the schedule offered by the highway department was adopted for tentative purposes. This schedule proposes 25 per cent decrease.
Benefit the poor man was the keynote of the deliberations, and efforts are directed to giving him the most consideration in the reducing fees according to age of cars is concerned, however, it was the opinion that such legislation would be to the advantage of the state. The committee does not look with favor on a special election.

Reduction Idea.
The schedule offered by the highway department contemplates a reduction of 25 per cent, and in a general way that idea is being adhered to. In other words, the proposed reductions are from a present average of about \$12.29 per hundredweight to 90 cents.
Whatever schedule is adopted it now appears that the committee will favor a three-fourths payment after April 1 each year.
For trucks and trailers having pneumatic tires the schedule offered by the highway department was tentatively adopted. This calls for 90 cents per hundredweight, doing away with the tire weight charges. It was estimated that this would produce about the same in revenues as the present schedule. This would result in increased fees for all but the 3400 pound class of trucks, which would pay \$36.60 instead of \$35.
The committee favored benefiting light trucks and trailers with a solid tire by an increase of 50 per cent, or making the charge \$1.35 per hundredweight, estimated to produce about \$100,000 more annually than now. The 2500 pound truck, however, would get a decrease from \$3.50 to \$2.75. Others would be increased.

To offset reduced revenues from whatever schedule is adopted for passenger vehicles, trucks and trailers to committee favors an increase of one cent in the present three-cent gasoline tax.
The records of the commission comprising information received by an investigation from the employees and supervisors pursuant to the provisions of this act shall not be open to public inspection.

DOG NOT ON DIET HUNTS SNIPES Second Helping

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Jan. 16.—(AP)—"Snipes" hunting is profitable, though undignified. To "buster" it may become a means of livelihood.
Buster, a dog owned by a tobacco dealer here, has each morning for a year carried a full-wrapped cigar to a neighbor by butcher. In return Buster received a bit of meat.
Today Buster pines still. He received the cigar from his neighbor. What to do?
Buster went into the street, picked up a cigar stub and presented it to the butcher. He got the meat.

ABANDON RAILS FOR AUTO CARS

Legislature Hears Rumors of Hill-Harriman Discard Oregon Electric — Short Hauls to Be Made By Truck — S. P.-Hill Line Partnership Hinted.
SALEM, Ore., Jan. 16.—(AP)—Abandonment of the Oregon Electric railway, which operates between Portland and Eugene, the abandonment of other local lines in the state and the substitution of motor transportation lines in their place are said to be involved in plans of the Hill and the Harriman railroads to reach consummation early this year.
Rumor about the state legislature, said to come from authentic sources, has it that a deal is now pending whereby the railroads will take over the principal motor truck and stage lines in the state, in addition to quite an extensive motor transportation business in which the railroads have been engaged for some time.
Soon after adjournment of the legislature, it is said, the route will apply to traffic in the Pacific and the Hill lines have effected a partnership for the purpose, and another is that it is a competitive movement by the two systems separately. As for the intention of the Hill lines relative to the Oregon Electric there is uncertainty whether the road would be abandoned entirely or only as far as passenger traffic is concerned. The Southern Pacific is shipping gasoline from its own refineries, storing it in its own tanks and transferring it directly to its motor stages, thereby evading the tax. Tanks have been installed.
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SIMON PURES END TOURNEY IN S. F. RING

Eight Boys Acclaimed As Champs in Far West Amateurs Boxing Bouts—M. A. C. Mittman Gains Bantam Division Crown.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Black eyes and split lips forgotten, eight proud boys returned to their homes after the Pacific coast today to be acclaimed champions by virtue of their victories in amateur boxing championships held here last night.
Nearly 100 amateur boxers participated in the two-day tournament at Dreamland auditorium under the auspices of the Amateur Athletic Union.

The title winners in the eight divisions last night were as follows: Flyweight, Abe Miller, Howard Boxing club, Hollywood; bantamweight, Fred Lynch, Multnomah club, Portland; featherweight, Martin Zuniga, Los Angeles Athletic club; lightweight, Al Traileman, San Diego Athletic club; welterweight, Francis Burke, Olympic club, San Francisco; middleweight, Ralph Hancock, Garfield Institute, Oakland; light heavyweight, Frank Tiesker, Olympic club, San Francisco; heavyweight, Clarence Doyle, Olympic club, San Francisco.

Five Knockouts.
In all, 22 bouts were held, five ending in knockouts, and without an exception each was crammed with action.
Abe Miller of the Howard Boxing club of Hollywood and Angelo Fuste, Olympic club, San Francisco, flewweight, fought a whirlwind battle in the first of the finals. The Hollywood boy won the decision. In the bantam division, Fred Lynch, Multnomah club of Portland, and Bob Martin of the San Francisco Y. M. C. had each other on the verge of a knockout after three rounds of hectic battling and the judges called for an extra session. Miller's effective work in this round won him the fight.
Martin Zuniga, Los Angeles Athletic club featherweight, took a close verdict from Mickey Merkin of the San Francisco Olympic club in a fast set-to.

The lightweight title went to Al Traileman, San Diego Athletic club in a fast fight which went an extra round. Traileman came from behind in the second round to even up the lead of Joe Bernal, Olympic club, San Francisco.
In the feature bout of the evening, Francis Burke, Olympic club, San Francisco, won the welterweight championship by defeating Kintaro Usada, flashy Japanese of the San Francisco Showa club.
The middleweight title go was a veritable Donnybrook with Ralph Hancock, Garfield Institute, Oakland, knocking out Charles Clark of the San Francisco Y. M. C. in two rounds.

In the light heavyweight final, Frank Tucker of the San Francisco Olympic club won a decision from Lee Ramago, San Diego Athletic club.
Clarence Doyle, San Francisco Olympic club, unlimbered his heavy guns on the chin of Sam Cohen, San Diego Athletic club boxer. Cohen was counted out in the first round of the heavyweight final.

Purse Dies.
MANILA, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Allen McDaniel, assistant purser of the liner President McKinley, died here today from a gunshot wound inflicted by an unidentified assailant January 11. McDaniel, whose home is at Moscow, Idaho, was shot while sleeping aboard ship.
Will Rogers Says:
NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Borah and Kellogg wanted peace without explanation. Jim Reed and Moses (imagine these two wanting the same thing), they wanted peace including explanation. They all compromised with the following footnote to Europe: "We had the treaty explained. (But don't let that mislead you). We learned no more from the explanations than we did from the treaty. So we hereby sign blind, in order to hurry on with the cruiser bill, and trust and pray that there is nothing in the treaty that interferes with the Monroe doctrine, farm relief, prohibition or birth control."
Yours,
WILL ROGERS.