

The Weather
Forecast—Cloudy, and slowly rising temperature.
Highest yesterday..... 40
Lowest this morning..... 30
24 hours' precipitation, 0 a. m. 32

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1929.

Weather Year Ago
Highest year ago today..... 41
Lowest year ago today..... 27

Today

By Arthur Brisbane

You Ask, 'What is News?'
Religion Can Stand It.
Beheading William,
75,000,000 Rings a Year.

Picking up a newspaper you ask yourself, "What really IS news?" For instance, that very reverend Dean Inge said it may be necessary for the countries of Europe "to combine to draw Shylock's teeth." Shylock is Uncle Sam, who modestly asks Europe to pay part of a ten-billion-dollar debt of honor.

British clergymen unite to repudiate Dean Inge's statement, and say they like us. That is hardly news.

Our British friends tried the tooth-pulling process in 1776 when Uncle Sam was small; again in 1812. They are probably too kind hearted to try it again.

A new vaccine prevents distemper in dogs absolutely, "all cases, all breeds."

That's not important news, except to dogs. A vaccine that would keep dogs from going mad and biting children, would be more valuable.

An Englishman with all of his stomach removed is back at work with "the upper part of his small intestine stitched to the gullet." The digestive glands were left in, so he digests and lives.

What we need in this prosperous country is something to digest all the food we put into our stomachs. Learn from the stomachless Britisher that it is important to take care of your digestive glands. Don't tire them out with irregular eating.

Marshal Foch, his courage conquering illness, is out of bed, enjoying the sight of the French people, that he loves. That's important news, for if unselfish patriotism and ability constitute greatness, Foch is a great man.

Professor Barnes told scientists gathered in New York that men must change their concept of God. Now he tells Dr. Henry Fairfield Osborne, head of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and Cardinal Hayes, who rebuked him, and all the clergy in general, that religion is out of date, hinders the progress of civilization and is "primitive and superstitious."

In addition, this professor who teaches history at Smith College says the ten commandments need revision, orthodox religion increases human suffering, being based on "fears and superstitions which obviously have not the slightest scientific validity, but terrorize countless millions."

Nevertheless churches will be open next Sunday and religion will continue to rule the world long after Professor Barnes travels on beyond, to learn, perhaps, more than he knows now.

For two hundred years William of Orange had stood on College Green in Dublin, on his war horse. Sometimes the Irish Nationalist pulled the statue down and battered it. Then the statue was put up again.

The other day Irish Republicans blew up William with dynamite. While it was being repaired young Irishmen broke into the repair shop, cut off the statue's head and took it away. It will never be erected again.

That's a pity. Irishmen of all kinds should keep in Dublin a statue of good old William, if only (Continued on Page Four).

EFFICIENCY PLAN MAY GO TO VOTE

Joint Meeting of Legislative Committees Told Easier to Secure Consolidation State Departments Thru People Than Legislature—Lynch Reappointed.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 22.—(AP)—That it would be an easier matter to secure the approval of the people on a plan for the consolidation of boards and commissions of the state government than to secure the consolidation approval from the legislature, is the opinion expressed by members of the house and senate committees on reorganization and reorganization, as the first joint meeting of the two committees, held Tuesday afternoon, every member stated that his constituents were in favor of some plan of consolidation or reorganization that would do away with duplications and useless boards and would promote more efficiency in state government.

Hector MacPherson, representative from Lin and chairman of the joint committee, favors the plan of submitting a constitutional amendment to the people, the skeleton to be filed in at the 1932 legislative session. The difficulty of passing a plan of consolidation through the legislature lies in the pressure which will be brought to bear, says MacPherson, on the individual legislators by the boards and commissions, each of which will fight absorption. "Every board will want to be the whole and none will consent to playing 'Jonah,'" MacPherson told his committee.

Members of the committee also expressed an unwillingness to "pass the buck" to the board of control by giving them a blanket law permission to accomplish consolidation wherever possible.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 22.—(AP)—M. A. Lynch of Redmond was today reappointed by Governor Patterson as a member of the state game commission for a term of five years. His present term, to which he was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of James W. Maloney of Pendleton, will expire in February.

The governor appointed E. G. Swartz of Portland as a member of the state board of embalmer examiners to succeed W. F. Walker of Springfield. The governor appoints only one member of this board, the other members being ex-officio.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 22.—(AP)—Three measures that are designed to make the state labor department self-sustaining by producing annual revenues of \$490,000, of which \$39,494 would be new money were explained before the ways and means committee last night by C. H. Dixon, state labor commissioner.

The committee did not commit itself on the proposed measures, but appointed Senator Kiddle and Representative Angel and Collier a sub-committee to draft the bills, after which they will be further considered.

Oregon Weather
Oregon: Cloudy tonight, becoming unsettled Thursday, slowly rising temperatures west portion. Moderate winds becoming southerly on the coast.

EXPERTS SEEK GERMAN REPARATIONS SETTLEMENT



Members of the international committee of experts who will attend conferences in Paris to revise the Dawes plan and seek a final settlement of the reparations problem. Above, left to right: Owen D. Young, United States; Dr. Alberto Pirelli, Italy; Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, Germany; Togo Mori, Japan. Below: Emile Morau, France; Emil Franqui, Belgium; J. P. Morgan, United States; Jean V. Parisis, France; Sir Josiah Stamp, England.

POLICE ADOPT MURDER IDEA IN LOVE CRIME

Beautiful Blonde and Mechanic Found Shot to Death—Murder-Suicide Pact Belief Upset By Later Pistol Clues.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22.—(AP)—What police had believed was a murder-suicide pact between Andrew L. Davis, 28-year-old mechanic, and a beautiful red-haired girl about 24 years of age, found shot to death in a Cedar street rooming house early this morning, later today apparently developed into a murder with someone other than Davis firing one and perhaps both of the fatal shots.

Examination of the unidentified woman's body revealed that she had met death from a bullet fired into her head from a small caliber gun, while Davis, the police surgeon's examination showed, had either taken his life or been killed by a bullet from a .45 caliber pistol. Officers first reported the woman-shot 45 caliber automatic pistol found near the head on which the two nude bodies were discovered had two empty shells in it, but later reports stated that six unfired shells were found in it.

Police said the note written by Davis on the flyleaf of a book had been deciphered, and read as follows: "My wife and her family killed this woman and shot me dead for me, but I am innocent. They say they are going to kill me with my own gun. It has not been shot yet. (Signed) 'DAVIS'"

The homicide bureau is working on the theory that the young woman was killed elsewhere, brought to the rooming house in a car and that her body was dragged across the porch and taken to Davis' room and undressed. Both bodies were nude when found. Police reported finding a streak of blood across the porch, and a pool of blood, which had been covered by a rug in the room.

Davis had lived at the rooming house for two years. Police reported Mrs. Louise Williams, landlady, as saying that she heard the couple presumably Davis and the girl, enter the house Monday night. Early this morning, she was reported as saying, she became worried over the absence of Davis, and with the aid of Alvin Thompson, a neighbor, broke into the room, finding the two bodies on the bed. Later, police reported the woman as saying that she heard someone enter the house into Monday night, but that she heard no shots.

Davis, it was learned, had been separated from his wife, Mrs. Jean Davis, of Los Angeles, for more than a year, and had filed suit for divorce and custody of a five-year-old daughter.

Questioning of Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Williams, police said, had advised them of any completely without clues as to the possible murderer of either one or both women. Officers were endeavoring to establish identity of the dead girl and locate the small gun with which she was killed.

"Gabby" to West
CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—(AP) Charles "Gabby" Hornet, catcher for the Chicago Cubs, and Miss Martha Marshall of Chicago are to be married January 28. Hornet and his bride will spend their honeymoon on Catalina Island.

HOOVER RESTS AND PREPARES FOR ROD SPORT

President-elect Settled in J. C. Penny Estate—75,000 Persons Staged Strenuous Reception—Given Fishing Outfits.

MIAMI LEACH, Fla., Jan. 22.—(AP)—A day of rest in preparation for long hours with a rod and reel among the Florida Keys had been arranged for President-elect Hoover today.

Settled at the J. C. Penny estate on Belle Isle in Biscayne bay after their train ride from Washington and the strenuous reception by some 75,000 persons on their arrival in Miami, Mr. and Mrs. Hoover looked forward to a month's diversion before their return to the national capital.

The little, palm-thatched island seemed almost a part of the tropics. Mr. Hoover so recently had visited Eastward in Miami Beach, fringed by palm trees and dotted with buildings. Westward is Miami, connected with the island by a causeway that stretches three miles across Biscayne bay.

Although Mr. Hoover was accompanied to Florida by a large staff of executives and assistants, he indicated he would devote himself more to relaxation and rest than to consideration of problems that will face him after his assumption of office.

May Tour Indies
No plans have been made, but it appeared possible Mr. and Mrs. Hoover would make a short tour of the West Indies before their return north.

Deep sea fishing in the "Amittie" of the "Pony" was a pleasing prospect for the president-elect, who was presented on his arrival yesterday with two angling outfits.

PORTLAND POLICE AFTER CRIMINALS

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 22.—(AP)—Police here today were engaged in warfare against snafu-crackers, although the first shot of the war was yet to be fired. Plans for a campaign to clear the city of criminals were laid at a conference of all commanding officers last night.

Since November 1, 15 snafu have been blasted in Portland. From 12 of these \$3500 in cash has been taken.

As a result of the conference many patrolmen will be taken from the day and second night reliefs and placed on special duty at night. These have orders to arrest all suspicious characters.

JACKSON'S FAIR DATES SET FOR SEPT. 11 TO 14

Running and Pacing Races to Feature Best Fair—Decision As to Racing Circuit Pending Investigation By Secretary.

The Jackson county fair dates have been set for September 11, 12, 13 and 14, one day earlier than held last year, and before the state fair at Salem, which will be held Sept. 23 to 29 inclusive.

While local people know that next fall's fair here will be the best yet held, barring bad weather or other unforeseen happenings, it grows larger and better annually, they look forward to the coming fair with more eagerness than usual for after a lapse of several years circuit running and pacing races will be the main feature of the daily program. Such races could not be given at last fall's fair because the millage tax for the county fair's support was approved by the voters too late for arrangements to be made for circuit races.

It will not be known until after the meeting of secretaries and other officials of the various county fairs of Oregon, which will be held the last of this month at Portland to fix dates and program features for each fair, just which circuit's races will be engaged for the Jackson County fair next September. H. O. Probbach, secretary of the local fair association, will attend this meeting, and after his return the program will be lined up by the board of directors. President C. E. Gates of the association will not be able to attend the meeting.

No matter what dates for their fairs the various other counties in the state may want, the Jackson county fair dates are already irrevocably set, being influenced by climatic and fruit harvest time conditions, and other factors, outside of the state fair, if they want the same races or other entertainment attractions must set their dates before or after the Jackson county fair, so as to enable those attractions to consecutively visit each fair in turn.

PORTLAND MERCURY IN TAILSPIN DROP TO 20

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 22.—(AP)—The thermometer went into a tailspin here this morning. At 7:30 a. m. the mercury came to a halt in its downward plunge at 20 degrees above zero. This was colder by three notches than at any time during the night.

HEAVY SEA HIDES FATE OF 3 SHIPS

Liner America Heading for Disabled Freighter Florida—Search for Teesbridge Abandoned—Dannedaikie Sets Jury Sails for Bermuda Attempt.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The United States liner steamer America reported at 2:29 p. m. today that she was heading for the crippled freighter Florida on radio bearings and expected to reach her at 6 o'clock this evening.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The storm-lashed Atlantic today was believed to have claimed one ship while it reared mountainous seas against the rescuers of two others in distress.

Search for the British freighter Teesbridge with her crew of 20 was abandoned when rescue vessels could find no trace of her 300 miles east of Cape Race, Newfoundland.

On the bridge of one of the rescue ships, the America, was Captain George Fried, hero of the rescue of the crew of the British freighter Anthos three years ago. The other two headed for the disabled vessels were the President Harrison of the Dollar Line and the German freighter York.

The Teesbridge, bound from Fowey, England for Philadelphia, sent out an SOS Sunday. The freighter Maine of the Atlantic Transport line responded. Reaching the position given by the Teesbridge, Captain J. T. Hutchinson searched in vain for the ship or her lifeboats, then resumed his voyage yesterday.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The steamship America reported by radio at 11 o'clock this morning that the tanker Dannedaikie, in distress 800 miles off the Virginia Capes, had set up a jury rig and was attempting to make Bermuda under her own steam.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The liner President Garfield which went aground Sunday morning on Mantilla Reef, in the Bahamas, was refloated this morning, Captain Thomas P. Quinn, the commander, informed officials of the Dollar line. It was not necessary to remove any of her cargo.

COUNTY VALUE INCREASE FOR 66 YEARS BIG

Revealing the remarkable growth that has taken place in Jackson county since 1862 in a comparison between the assessed value of property at that time and at the end of 1928, showing a difference of more than \$26,000,000. The summary assessment roll of last year had a total of \$27,934,610, exclusive of public utilities, as compared to \$1,517,988 in 1862.

At that time there were only 1000 qualified voters, over 12,000 less than the present total. However, 60,000 bushels of wheat, 6750 bushels of barley and 55,000 bushels of oats were produced. There were 1000 horses, 6550 horned cattle, 1328 sheep and 5000 hogs. Hogs in 1865 revealed a slight increase. In that year the county had a population of 2995 people, divided into 1791 males and 1204 females. In 1881 the property value of the county increased to \$2,461,362, of which \$1,623,851 was taxable.

Private lands had an acreage of 229,678, of which 113,000 acres were improved. The number of sheep had increased to 31,332 and hogs to 9525. The number of horses and mules had tripled and cattle had increased by over 3000. The tax rolls of 1882 revealed a slight increase and the rolls of 1883 showed an increase of 20,000 more acres of taxable land, valued at \$8.25 for improved acreage and \$1.50 for unimproved. Horses and mules decreased several hundred, but the gross value of property increased by over \$500,000. The county then had a population of 8116.

Today there are 3425 horses in the county, not as large a decrease as would be expected as a result of the advent of the automobiles and tractors. The number of sheep has decreased from 31,332 to 13,084 but the number of cattle has increased from 9035 to 20,905. There are now 868,976 acres of taxable land in the county with 108,540 acres as tillable.

From a population of 8116 in 1883 the total has grown to over 25,000 in 1929, with prospects of a good growth every year.

NICARAGUA OUTLAWS KILL THREE

Marine Patrol Has Clash With Rebel Band Monday—Only Meagre Details Received—Sandino Reported Planning Big Offensive.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Latest advices from northern Nicaragua state that three marines of a patrol of seven which clashed with outlaws northeast of Yall in the department of Jinotega on Monday, were killed.

Those killed were privates Everett A. Bector of Des Moines, Ia., whose death had previously been reported; Hastua Collins of Lyons, Ga., and George T. Oswill of Miami, Fla.

First word of Bector's death was brought to marine headquarters by a messenger yesterday while additional advices received today told of the deaths of the other two. Only meagre details have been received of the clash.

Steps toward declaring martial law in the northern departments are being taken by the Nicaraguan authorities and the training of volunteers for service in the region is going on rapidly.

A messenger brought word to marine headquarters that private Everett A. Bector had been killed in action by outlaws. He had no details of the combat which occurred northeast of Yall in the department of Jinotega. It was presumed that a marine patrol encountered the outlaws in the jungle far from a telegraph line.

Dr. Francisco Malfrena, surgeon for the rebel forces of General Augustino Sandino, said in Honduras last week that the general was planning a big offensive in Nicaragua. About the same time President Moncada of Nicaragua turned down a peace proposal from Sandino, which urged that the northern department of Nueva Segovia be separated from Nicaragua and turned over to the rebel leader.

The last previous clash occurred on January 10 in Nueva Segovia when Lieutenant William H. Smith an American medical officer, was wounded and two native guards were killed. In the same district, on December 6, Gunner Sergeant Charles Williams of Astoria, N. Y., was killed in an encounter with a band of marauders when he was hit by a stray bullet.

ASA KEYS ON STAND IN DEFENSE

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22.—(AP)—In a scene dramatic because of its casualness, former District Attorney Asa Keys, on trial for bribery, was placed on the witness stand in superior court today as the defense opened its fight to clear Keys and two co-defendants.

Keys, who has been the outstanding figure since the trial started, today stood out in even bolder relief, with the dismissal of charges against three of the six defendants, Charles Reimer, Dave Getzoff and Jack Rosenberg, leaving Keys, Ben Getzoff, the tailor and alleged "fixer" and Ed Rosenberg, formerly a defendant in the Julian fraud case, the trio whose fate will rest with the jury.

The action of the defense occasioned no surprise in the packed courtroom, for counsel previously had announced that the veteran prosecutor probably would lead their parade of witnesses.

Long lines of spectators were stretched down the halls leading to the court room and only a fraction of those who wanted to see the prosecutor of William Edward Hickman and Almer Semple McPherson take the witness stand for the first time in his life, gained admittance.

Called to Stand
Judge Edward T. Butler formally announced the dismissal of the charges against three of the six defendants following the reading of the state's case yesterday. Jud Rush, Keys' counsel, turned to his client, and in words which had fallen many times from the lips of Keys in his public legal career of 25 years, Rush said: "Please take the stand."

Keys calmly rose from his chair, buttoned his coat and was sworn as he took the stand. The man who the state claims received many bribes from the promoters of the defunct Julian corporation to "fix" fraud charges against them, looked evenly at the spectators and then began to answer his first questions in this new role of defendant.

"When were you married, Mr. Keys?" was the opening question. "In 1903," he replied in a loud voice.

The first reference to the Julian trial came when Rush asked Keys if he remembered the date of the corporation's financial collapse. "Yes, it was May 9, 1927," Keys answered.

Keys was asked if he knew Ray Benjamin, a San Francisco attorney who represented four of the Julian promoters before their trial including Ed Rosenberg, a co-defendant with Keys. Keys admitted he did.

WILL ROGERS SAYS: ONLY GOT ONE DISTINCTION

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Only got one distinction. I was the original Morrow for secretary of state man. It will be offered to him. Hope he takes it. He is a great fellow. Our present friendly relations with Mexico are due to nothing in the world but the sheer personality of that man. A trained diplomat would never have adopted his plan, and it was the only one that would have worked. It would have been mighty easy to spoil things down there. Yours, WILL ROGERS.

GROCCERS TOLD WHIMS OF WOMEN AID SALES

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—(AP) Women shoppers' whims that can be capitalized for increased sales were detailed before the convention of the National Wholesale Grocers association today.

Carl W. Dipman, editor of the Progressive Grocer, said that when a store is arranged so that women have access to the stock, they will buy from 10 to 50 per cent more.

"They buy more freely when goods are priced on the odd cent. They like the bargain atmosphere," Dipman said.

CHICAGO HOG PRICES SCORE BIG ADVANCE

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—(AP) Under the influence of a stronger demand from shippers, the hog market here today scored the sharpest advance of the season. Closing 30c higher than yesterday's average. A few loads of choice hogs went over the scales at the close for 9.90, or the highest price paid since last October. Bulk of run of choice butchers of all weights went at 9.34 to 9.85, while some of the plainer kinds were sold at 9.00 to 9.40.

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