

The Weather
 Forecast—Cloudy, probably snow or rain tonight and Sunday.
 Highest yesterday 44
 Lowest this morning 33
 Precipitation 23 hrs. to 5 a. m. 0.1

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
 Highest year ago today 56
 Lowest year ago today 28

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Today

By Arthur Brisbane

Nose Pink, Record Broken Peaceful Fishing. Another Canal Needed. Einstein, the Deep.

For 13 hours and 16 minutes Elinor Smith, 17-year-old girl flier, stayed up in the freezing winds above Long Island in an open airplane. When she came down her nose was bright pink, her legs were stiff, her hands were almost frozen, but she had broken the women's endurance record by one hour.

Flying interests women; it is one of the things that they can do better than men.

The MOST important thing men can't do at all, namely, producing and taking care of children. And that is what interests women especially.

It is better to create an Abraham Lincoln than to be Abraham Lincoln.

Mr. Hoover is fishing, calm and peaceful, having written his inaugural address and selected his cabinet. The country won't know who is in the cabinet until March 4.

A thousand or more candidates may be sure that if they haven't heard from Mr. Hoover yet, they will not hear from him. The fact that Secretary Mellon REMAINS in the cabinet will please everybody, something that happens rarely.

The Panama Canal set a new high record for business in January, 593 ships passing in 30 days.

The country needs another canal, and a Nicaragua canal should be built at sea level to take care of ocean-to-ocean traffic.

The Nicaragua canal would provide this country with a canal from the Atlantic to the Pacific without any locks, so easily destroyed.

The navy, which played at war the other day, attacking and defending the Panama Canal, admits that the attackers, theoretically "destroyed the canal." They say that if the navy had more fast cruisers the defense would have been successful.

On the other hand, if an enemy came with a few high-powered bombing machines without any cruisers or any ships on the water, the canal could be destroyed, and floating ships would mean nothing.

This country has bought from Nicaragua the right to build a canal, and the canal should be built, without loss of time. That will be one of Herbert Hoover's jobs.

Professor Einstein's new theories puzzle able mathematicians, as well they may.

He tells you, if his deep German is correctly interpreted, that gravitation and electricity are the same force.

The fourth dimension is time and geometry and electricity are in some way related.

It must all be true, since a great scientist says so, at least until a greater scientist comes along and says it is nonsense.

But how geometry, expressing man's finite ideas of form and measurement, can possibly be connected with a cosmic force like electricity is not easily understood by little people.

As for the fourth dimension being "time," that is even more puzzling. "Time" is only a succession of events. It is man's word to express the fact that they are born and after a while die. If that man made word "time" the fourth dimension, what is the fifth?

LOCATION OF AIMEE A MYSTERY

Southern Pacific Unable to Verify Report Evangelist on Cascade Train—Mills Air Field Rumor Says Pilot to Take Mrs. McPherson From Atascadero.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 2.—(AP) "We would like to know!" Southern Pacific railroad officials greeted with this exclamation inquiries directed at them here today as to the whereabouts of Mrs. Aimee Temple McPherson, Los Angeles evangelist, who is once again on the "missing" list.

Responsible officials of the Southern Pacific here said they had been endeavoring all day to check the authenticity of reports that placed the evangelist aboard the Cascade limited, northbound from San Francisco.

Varied reports that Mrs. McPherson is aboard the train and that she is not aboard the train have been flashed from each point through which the Cascade has passed on its run to the north.

The Cascade limited was due here at 12:15 p. m.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—(AP) Officials at Mills field, said that Harry Lencze, a pilot for the Chidlow Aircraft Sales company, had hopped off shortly before 11 o'clock for Atascadero, where he had been ordered to take Aimee Temple McPherson aboard, Lencze, before leaving said he did not know where she was to take Mrs. McPherson after they left Atascadero.

BEACON LIGHT TO BE PLACED BARRON RANCH

ASHLAND, Feb. 2.—(Special) An emergency airport covering an area of about 15 acres is to be equipped on the Ed Barron ranch about 10 miles east of Ashland adjacent to the Pacific Highway, where planes have been landing during the foggy weather farther down the valley in the last few months.

It is to be known and listed as an intermediate government landing field and will be equipped with one beacon light and boundary lights. The beacon light and boundary lights at Ashland, according to S. Boggs, superintendent of the federal airway extension service between Seattle and San Francisco, was in Ashland Friday, making arrangements to have the improvements started in the spring.

On the Gallatin ranch in the Valley View section about two miles from Ashland is to be erected one of the 2-inch lights with two million candle power. It is to be on top of a tower 51 feet high and, under ordinary circumstances is presumed to be visible for 20 miles. Another beacon of the same type will be placed on Dunn's Peak about four miles east of town on the McCallister ranch and a third light will be located at some point near the summit of the Siskiyou mountain range, Mr. Boggs stated.

HINDY VIEWS FIRST MOVING PICTURES

BERLIN, Feb. 2.—(AP) President von Hindenburg has gone to his first movie.

It happened last night, the show was "Waterloo" and it was depicted at the offices of the national censorship board. The president seemed surprised at the accuracy with which historical scenes were reproduced on the screen.

EARTHQUAKE DESTROYS CENTRAL ASIA TOWNS

MOSCOW, Russia, Feb. 2.—(AP) An earthquake in the Tajikistan region of Central Asia near the Afghanistan border destroyed several villages today. The shocks lasted 20 minutes.

HOOVER GIVEN FISHING RODS FOR VACATION USE



Photograph shows Mayor Sewell, of Miami (in white) presenting President-elect Herbert Hoover with fishing rods for use on his Florida vacation. Mrs. Hoover is shown in the rear seat of the automobile.

MAN SENT UP EXECUTED PAIR GEORGE MILLER FROM ASHLAND REFUSED ALTER FAMED FARMER SHOT AT PEN CRIME DENIAL KILLED BY CAR

Wilson B. Fish, Who Stole Auto, Slain in Escape Attempt—Had Long Record—Sent to Bull Pen Friday Account Behavior.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 2.—(AP) Wilson B. Fish, convict at the Oregon State Penitentiary, was shot through the left breast while trying to escape just before 7 o'clock last night and died half an hour later in the prison hospital. The guard who shot Fish was Hubel Young, who fired at 60 yards while the prisoner was crossing the roof of the prison building. Fish was exonerated by the prison authorities.

Fish, according to police and prison records, has been many times in trouble. He was received at the Oregon prison January 15, this year, to serve 14 months for stealing an automobile at Ashland. Fish's father is E. B. Fish, who lives in the Dexter apartments in Seattle and his mother is Mrs. J. Andrews of Bethel, Washington. Fish was sentenced at Ashland on January 15, the same date of his arrival at the penitentiary.

Bad Actor. Fish's effects at the prison said he had been a troublesome prisoner since his arrival, and yesterday he was sent to the "bull pen" for fighting with other prisoners. While Guard Young was transferring him from one cell to another last night the guard returned to the cell just vacated and told Fish to go into the other cell. "I'll kill you," Fish is said to have replied. Fish ran around a corner of the wall and climbed the enclosing barrier to the roof of the main building. Young says he commanded the prisoner three times to stop, and fired when he did not obey the order.

Fish pleaded guilty to the theft charge at Ashland that sent him to the Salem prison, but claimed after his arrival here that he was innocent and had pleaded guilty because he could not prove his innocence. For similar offenses the records show that Fish had done time in several county jails, imprisonment at Seattle, Chehalis, Monroe and Los Angeles being mentioned on the records. He had used the names of Ernie Rogala, Phil Henderson and Bob Corbova. He was married, his wife, Mrs. Virginia Fish, living at North Vancouver, Wash.

IRRIGATION FIGHT TO BE AIRD THURSDAY

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 2.—(AP) The last session of the Portland Irrigation Fight was held today with the North Bank highway impassable and the Columbia highway closed up 6 p. m. that the road crew might widen the snow yesterday. Except for stages and trucks, no automobiles were permitted to attempt the trip.

The lower Columbia River highway and the Pacific Highway both north and south were reported open to travel but exceedingly slippery. The weather forecast today predicted unsettled weather tonight and tomorrow, probably with occasional snow or rain and sub-freezing temperatures tonight.

Ada Le Bouef and Dr. Dreher Died Maintaining Innocence—Claimed Shot Fired By Beadle—Both Embraced Religion.

FRANKLIN, Ia., Feb. 2.—(AP) Two empty cells in the small brick parish jail today told the story of the passing of Mrs. Ada Le Bouef and Dr. Thomas E. Dreher on the end of a hangman's noose. The two were held in the jail for the murder of the woman's husband, Jim Le Bouef, found shot and weighted by iron in a lake near Morgan City on July 1, 1927.

But in their pre-death statements both asserted that Jim Le Bouef, tractor, fired the shot that killed Le Bouef. They clung to their story that they went to the lake in skiffs in an effort to reconcile the old family doctor and the jealous husband. The accident happened about 2 a. m. Miller was still alive at 4 o'clock, but died on route to a local hospital.

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One of Owners 101 Ranch and Wild West Shows—Slippery Pavement Overturns Auto—Oil Discoveries Brought Wealth.

POUCA CITY, Okla., Feb. 2.—(AP) George Miller, one of the owners of Miller Brothers' 101 ranch and 101 Wild West Shows, was killed this morning when his car turned over on the slippery pavement a few miles south of here, while on his way to the ranch, which is located at Marland.

Two men found the showman's wrecked roadster and Miller's body partly pinned beneath it. It was believed Miller had attempted to jump from the skidding car, as the men who found him reported his head was pinned beneath one front wheel. His skull was crushed.

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KLAMATH KILLER ARRESTED FRIDAY

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Feb. 1.—(AP) Fred Swan, sought in connection with the killing of Ned Connolly, was arrested late yesterday in Drews Valley, Lake county, and was being brought to Klamath Falls. In custody of officers he will arrive tomorrow.

HOT FIGHT OVER BILLS IS OUTLOOK

Governor Signs Multnomah School Bill—Three Battles Probable for Monday Session—Phone, Teacher Retirement and Reformation to Be Topics.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 2.—(AP) Governor Patterson today signed senate bill No. 16, introduced by the Multnomah delegation, and changing the election schedule for school directors in the Portland school district.

At least three battles are expected to ensue in the legislative session Monday. In the senate it is probable that there will be a long debate over Dime's memorial asking congress to conduct a nationwide telephone investigation and to appoint an Oregon senator on the investigating committee. This memorial was the subject of a public hearing in the senate chamber last Wednesday night. In the house senate bill 15, the Portland teachers' retirement fund bill sponsored by the Multnomah delegation, and house bill 209, Representative Robinson's reformation bill, are set as special orders for 2 o'clock.

The senate will have up for third reading senate bill 73, by the committee on alcoholic traffic, relating to the handling of prohibition funds and requiring the submission of verified statements of account. None of the five house bills on third reading in the senate will be debated, all being on the program of the committee on repeal of obsolete laws.

Three Important. Of 15 house bills, third reading in the house, three are of importance. House bill 228 is Chinook's bill to relieve distressed irrigation districts of the obligation of repaying to the state money advanced to pay interest on district bonds. It is on the program of the Oregon reclamation congress. House bill 265, by Wells, would give war veterans priority in civil service examinations. House bill 295, by Chidinger, provides for the labeling of eggs displayed for market, distinguishing between fresh and storage eggs.

Another important measure up for adoption or rejection in the house is house joint memorial No. 4, asking congress for authority for the state of Oregon to tax federal lands in this state, as private lands are taxed, or in lieu of this, that the federal government reimburse the state in the amount that the lands would yield in taxes if they were privately owned. The measure is on the slate of the property tax relief commission.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS ANNOUNCED FOR MANY GOVERNMENT PLACES

The United States Civil Service commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:

Junior geologist at \$2999 a year, and assistant geologist at \$2609 a year, geological survey department of the interior. The optional subjects are: Economic geology, ground-water hydrology, paleontology, petrology and stratigraphy.

Associate aeronautical engineer at \$3269 a year, assistant aeronautical engineer at \$2879 a year, bureau of aeronautics, navy department, and other branches of the service, for duty in Washington, D. C., or in the field.

Design draftsman (topographical and submarine), field service of the navy department, at \$3.95 to \$19.15 a day.

Agent, anti-narcotic act, and inspector, anti-narcotic act, bureau of prohibition, treasury department, at entrance salaries from \$2396 to \$2869 a year.

Graduate nurse, graduate nurse (clinical duty), graduate nurse (club grade), departmental service, Veterans' Bureau, Indian and public health services. Occupational therapy aide, occupational therapy pupil aide, occupational therapy bureau throughout the United States.

Chinesimals Paraa Street Befo' ecution

PEKING, Feb. 2.—(AP) Eleven robbers and kidnappers were paraded through the streets of Peking today before their execution as a warning by the police to evil-doers. A recent crime wave in Peking has caused much concern.

Military acts were played by a band which headed the procession as it marched through streets which had been colorfully decorated in anticipation of the Chinese New Year celebration. The prisoners were carried in a chariot pulled by a team of 200 soldiers.

SUICIDE'S BODY BROUGHT HERE BY OFFICIALS

DEAD as the result of a self-inflicted bullet wound, Owen O. Conover, 34 years of age, was brought to Medford last night by Deputy Coroner Jay Walker and Deputy Sheriff Louis Jennings from his isolated mountain cabin between Prospect and Butte Falls, where he shot himself Thursday afternoon at 3:30 as the result of despondency.

The body is being held at the Conover funeral parlors awaiting the completion of funeral arrangements. The dead man was a native of Jackson county and was born near Eagle Point, where his father still resides. He had spent several months trapping in the Butte Falls section and lived with his wife in the cabin, who loved the shot and then saw him fall. She ran to the nearest neighbors, a mile and a half away, and called the officers.

Conover left a note, bidding farewell and expressing the wish that his wife will receive good care. He sent the bullet of a .38-caliber Leuger through his head. A sled was used to bring the body 14 miles to Butte Falls over deep snow, made somewhat soft by a drizzling rain.

BRIGGS WOULD FORCE TOWNS TO PAY SHARE COUNTY ROAD TAXES

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 2.—(Special) "I come from Ashland, which under the present law is exempt from road tax," said Representative William D. Briggs of Jackson county, "but I will vote for this bill because it is a fair bill. Every city should pay its just share of the county road tax."

The bill which Mr. Briggs so strongly championed was one introduced by Mr. Ebert of Wasco county, primarily to have three cities of that county made to pay their share of the road tax. It became a matter of statewide interest when it was discovered that many cities held charters that exempted them from road tax, although very few of them were claiming the exemption. Salem, Ashland and Tillamook were among the larger cities having such qualifying charters.

The bill at first provided that the cities in counties having less than 25,000 population at the 1910 census should be so taxed, but a 1920 census was considered a fair basis. When this disclosed that Jackson county, which would have been exempt with a population of 25,000 in 1910, was affected by the bill with its 1920 census of 29,000, Mr. Briggs felt that further amendment was necessary.

"I cannot see why," he said, "Salem should be exempt from this tax if Ashland has to pay it. This law should be uniform in its application."

Concurring with this opinion, the house voted to amend the bill with 100,000 as the basis of county population. As this affected the counties of Marion, Clatsop, Washington, Umatilla and Lane the bill was re-referred to committee that these counties might have a hearing.

NORMAL TEMPERATURE FOR COMING WEEK

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—(AP) The weather outlook for the week beginning February 3 was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows: Far western states: The outlook for the week is for normal temperatures and considerable cloudiness with snows over and east of the Sierra and Cascade mountains and for occasional rains to the westward of these ranges.

LINDBERGH WILL VISIT MR. HOOVER

President-Elect to Lay Aside Fishing Rod for Work—Conferences With Reed Smoot Scheduled—Lone Eagle to Dine Sunday With Hoover Belle Island.

LONG KEY, Fla., Feb. 2.—(AP) President-elect Hoover confabulated today upon the last day of his second fishing trip since his arrival on Florida, with the landing of one or more sail-fish foremost in his mind. Late today he will discard thoughts of the sport he loves as he returns to Naples, Fla., Belle Isle, for several days of work.

Prominent on his list of things for consideration is a series of conferences with Senator Reed Smoot of Utah, chairman of the senate finance committee.

The president-elect anticipated having Senator Smoot and Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, his next-door neighbor on Belle Isle for two days and nights at the meals on Sunday, but had made no decision as to the time of the meal.

The conferences with the Utah senator will not begin in earnest until Monday. It was expected, it being understood that the president-elect will devote Sunday to church attendance and to informal visits with Col. Lindbergh and Senator Smoot. The trans-Atlantic liner arrived in Miami last night.

To Discuss Relief. Senator Smoot is expected to take up with Mr. Hoover the questions of tariff revision and the general state of federal finances during his conferences at Belle Isle. The Utah senator is the first of the congressional leaders to be invited by the next president, and it is expected that Mr. Hoover will go extensively into the legislative program on farm relief and tariff revision measures, which are to be acted upon at the extra session of the new congress, which is to be convened about April 15.

A prominent part in carrying through the Hoover administration's farm relief program is expected to fall upon the shoulders of Mr. Smoot. It being expected that the program will provide a revolving fund of \$200,000,000 or more from the federal treasury to aid farmer-controlled corporations in their business of marketing agricultural products.

The agitation of western Republicans for the appointment of Louis S. Cates, general manager of the Utah Cattle Company, as secretary of the interior, also may be brought up during Mr. Hoover's conferences with Mr. Smoot. The latter was responsible for consideration of Mr. Cates for the cabinet position.

The president-elect will devote most of his attention today to his ambition to raise the number of his sail-fish catch. His second catch, a sail-fish six feet long and weighing more than 50 pounds, was landed yesterday after the president-elect had battled for some time with another of the species, finally to meet defeat by the capriciousness of a shark. Better fortune came to Associate Justice Harlan F. Stone of the United States supreme court, who landed two of the aquatic prizes. Verne Macshall of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, fishing in Mr. Hoover's boat, also caught one.

Will Rogers Says:

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The dries are still trying to figure out some way of making Mellon take that twenty-four million for enforcement. Be a good joke on 'em if Mellon used it trying to enforce prohibition in one wing of the capitol.

I see some of the senators are not for building the cruisers till we get a war booked. So we will have to figure out some kind of a guarantee to those fellows that we will scare 'em up a war.

The Democrats are used to running second in everything that they are satisfied with the second best navy.

Yours,

WILL ROGERS.



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