

**The Weather**  
Forecast—Partly cloudy, possibly  
occasional rain. Moderate tem-  
perature.  
Highest yesterday 57  
Lowest this morning to 5 a. m. 24

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

**Weather Year Ago**  
Highest year ago today 69  
Lowest year ago today 23

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## FISHERMEN ALABAMIAN DEBATE ON FISHED BY PROPOSALS BINGHAM

**Commercial and Packing Interests Arrayed Against Sportsmen—Solon Committee Hears Proof Given Steelhead Is Game Fish—Valuable Tourist Asset.**

SALEM, O., Feb. 15.—(AP)—Commercial fishermen and fish packers from all parts of the state were arrayed against the sportsmen in a lively debate before the game committee of both houses at a public hearing in the lower house Friday evening. Under five were four house bills which seek to make the steelhead fish a game fish.

R. J. Kinkwood, vice-president of the Oregon Game association, was master of ceremonies for the aggregation of sportsmen, including Dr. R. V. Loop of the Coos and Curry Anglers' club; G. W. Holcomb of the Corvallis Rod and Gun club; Will R. Lewis, president of the Multnomah Hunters and Anglers' club; George Putnam of Marion county, and B. K. Plaseck of Polk county, each of which quoted eminent authorities and incidents to prove that the steelhead is a game fish, a sea-going rainbow trout and is more valuable to the state as a recreational and tourist asset than as a commercial asset.

The argument for the commercial fishermen and the packers was opened by Representative Charles Robinson of Clatsop county who made a plea for the fishing industry, "the largest interest in the state."

J. C. Johnson of Port Orford claimed that the steelhead fished in the Rogue and other Curry county streams in the winter months is not a game fish, never rises to a fly, and "commercial" fishermen should not be prevented from taking this fish which is worth millions of dollars to the state.

**Heflin Attack On Catholic Church Draws Fire—Great Majority Senators Not in Sympathy Is Claim—Challenge to Debate Issued By Democrat.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Another attack in the senate today against the Catholic church by Senator Heflin, Democrat, Alabama, brought a protest from Senator Bingham, Republican, Connecticut, against the use of the senate forum for speeches "stirring up religious hatred."

"As a Protestant and as a Mason," said Senator Bingham, "I wish to protest against the use of the senate forum for the stirring up of religious hatred in this country. I wish the record to show that the great majority of senators are not in sympathy with these remarks even if they go unanswerable."

Senator Heflin immediately challenged the Connecticut senator to debate with him in the Washington auditorium, the propriety of calling to the attention of the senate "the dangers which threaten religious freedom" in this country.

After Heflin had referred to "some weak kneed Protestants and some weak kneed Masons" Bingham interrupted to express resentment that Heflin "insists upon making misstatements about me and implying that what I did, Heflin said he did not impute that some one had said Bingham to speak.

In his speech Heflin declared that if Herbert Hoover "meets this Catholic issue courageously and boldly he will be re-elected in 1932."

"But if he dallies and plays with it," he said, "the issue of 1932 will be Catholic and anti-Catholic control of this government."

Prior to the exchange with Senator Bingham, Heflin had described the recent restoration of temporal powers to the pope as a step in the program of the Roman Catholic church to extend its political domination over the world.

## IN EGYPT DURING PROXY FIGHT



While the proxy fight for control of the Standard Oil company of Indiana continues, John D. Rockefeller Jr. is vacationing in Egypt. He is shown in the court of his hotel at Cairo.

## GIRL'S ATTEMPT MEXICAN TRAIN FURNACE DEATH ESCORT KILLED HALTED BY PAIN BY INSURGENTS

**Attack Follows Dynamite Blast—25 to 50 Reported Slain—Guards Fight Until Ammunition Exhausted—Soldiers Pursue.**

MEMPHIS CITY, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Survivors of a train attack in which as many as 25 or 50 may have perished were en route today to Mexico City from Yucucatan, Michoacan, near where the attack occurred.

News of the attack is carried in special dispatches from Guadalajara and Zamora.

The Guadalajara dispatch to Excelsior says the entire military escort of the train—usually between 20 and 50—and its engineer and fireman were killed.

Zamora dispatches to Universal merely say "some of the passengers, some of the crew and some soldiers" were killed.

The train, proceeding from Mexico City to Yucucatan, from where it was to go to Mexico City, was dismantled between the stations of Morelia and Guachichil. Insurgents then attacked it, the escort fighting until its ammunition gave out. The attackers then burned the train.

The Zamora dispatches said although the engineer and fireman were both killed in the explosion, members of the crew detached the locomotive from the coaches and, taking some passengers with them, ran it through the insurgent lines to Zamora and later to Yucucatan.

The entire garbison at Zamora was sent in pursuit of the insurgents.

**Urges Completion Highway.**  
MAINSFIELD, O., Feb. 15.—(AP)—Completion of the Roosevelt Highway was urged at a mass meeting of the chamber of commerce of southwestern Ohio here last night, and representatives in the legislature from Coos and Curry counties were instructed to do everything possible to secure such completion.

**Sub Tests Successful.**  
KEY WEST, Fla., Feb. 15.—(AP)—Ten men, the largest number ever to escape from a sunken submarine, stepped out of the sub and swam safely to the surface from a depth of 34 feet.

**GANGSTERS EXECUTE SEVEN RIVAL RACKETEERS**

Six of the victims, alleged members of a Chicago Northside bootleg ring, who were shot down in their headquarters by five gunmen belonging to an opposing gang. (Associated Press photo transmitted by telephoto).

## GANGSTERS CAVE ROAD OF DETROIT PROPOSAL IDENTIFIED ENDORSED

**Photos Spot Three 'Purple' Gunmen—Advance Men for Murder—Police Say Trail Growing Hot—Arrests Near—Swanson Warns Officials.**

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Three "purple" gangsters of Detroit today were identified through photographs as members of the gun gang hunted for Thursday's sextuple slaying.

"They were spies, police said, the 'spotters' who advanced men for murder. They were planted in advance to observe the men marked for death, note their hours of pathing, so that the actual killers would know exactly when and how to strike.

Two women and a man living across from the garage where the gang massacre took place made the identification. From a score of photographs they picked three which they said were of men who had rented rooms overlooking the garage—rooms which they occupied during a period of days immediately preceding the assassinations.

Harry and Phil Kewell, brothers, and Eddie Fletcher were identified.

Following the identifications police announced that the trail of Chicago's bloodiest gang murder was growing hot and that important arrests were near.

George (Boss) Moran was found, not by authorities, but by newspaper men. The seven who were slain were Moran mobsters.

A fiery shaft of censure and warning was shot by State's Attorney John A. Swanson at the law enforcement agencies of Chicago and Cook county.

The state's attorney called Police Commissioner Russell, other high police officials, sheriff's officers and county police to his office, and issued this fiat:

"Enforce the gambling law, and the laws against vice.

"Obey these orders, or you'll go to prison."

Swanson told them that their departments were to blame for the gang massacre. Those murders, he said, and the long list of unsolved ones that preceded it, were committed for just one reason, and that reason, he told them, was the easy money which enforcement agencies had permitted gangsters to collect.

**EVERGLADES TOUR COMPLETED TODAY**

CANAL POINT, Fla., Feb. 15.—(AP)—President-elect Herbert Hoover concluded his tour of the Everglades today from Clewiston to Canal Point, where the latest damage in the 1928 hurricane and flood occurred.

He was visibly impressed by the heroic work of the survivors in returning to their farms and in rebuilding the towns of South Bay, Belle Glade and Pahokee, which virtually were destroyed by the storm.

**Robber Killed.**  
DETROIT, Feb. 15.—(AP)—One man was killed and two wounded in a gun fight with two police officers, who also were seriously wounded, in an attempted holdup of a \$15,000 payroll in the office of Lehmann and McVenna, contractors, today. The dead robber was identified as Fred Bova.

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## WOULD PAY OFFICIALS BY CLASS

**Tentative Report of House Committee Would Place Jackson County in Third Class Salary Schedule—Sheriff \$2500—Judge, School Supt. \$2200.**

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 15.—(AP)—The house committee appointed to classify the counties of the state and the county officers for the purpose of securing uniformity in salaries made a tentative report Friday noon, dividing the counties in five classes and providing a definite salary schedule for each class. Equalized valuation is made the basis of classification.

Any discrepancies or possible weak points in the first report will be taken out before the final report is made.

In its first report the committee has classified the counties as follows: First class, counties having a valuation of over \$50,000,000; second class, counties having a valuation of more than \$75,000,000; third class, counties having more than \$100,000,000; fourth class, counties having a valuation under \$25,000,000.

At the present time the counties of the state would fall in the following classification: First, Multnomah; second class, Lane, Marion, Clackamas, and Umatilla; third, Washington, Tillamook, Clatsop, Douglas, Jackson, Coos and Clatsop; fourth class, Yamhill, Baker, Union, Tillamook, Polk, Wasco, Columbia, and Benton; fifth, Deschutes, Madras, Wallowa, Morrow, Hood River, Lake Gilliam, Sherman, Lincoln, Harney, Josephine, Grant, Cook, Jefferson, Wheeler and Curry.

Salary schedules, as drawn up, would give Jackson county: Sheriff, \$2200; treasurer, \$1800; clerk and judge, \$2200; school superintendent, \$2200; assessor, \$2200; county commissioner, \$1800.

## COLONEL TAKES OATH OF OFFICE YOSEMITE CHIEF

**Change in Position Comes On Anniversary of Arrival Here—Leaves Soon for New Detail—Solinsky Is Successor Here.**

Just six years ago this forenoon, from the time he arrived with his family in Medford from the east to take over the superintendency of Crater National park, Colonel G. C. Thomson was sworn in today in Judge Taylor's office in the federal building as the new superintendent of Yosemite national park, to which position he was recently appointed.

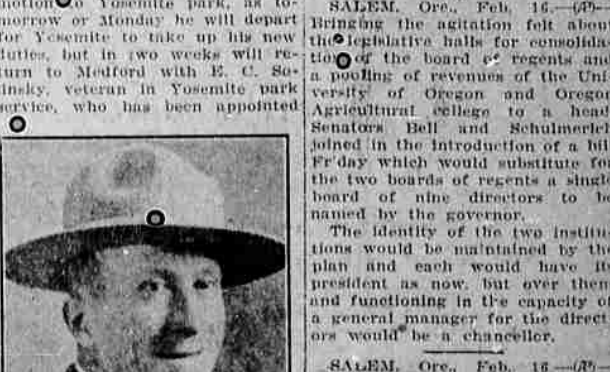
This sad swearing-in occasion marked the second step in his promotion to Yosemite park, as tomorrow or Monday he will depart for Yosemite to take up his new duties, but in two weeks will return to Medford with E. C. Solinsky, veteran in Yosemite park service, who has been appointed to succeed him as superintendent of Crater National Park.

The third and last step will come when after spending a short time in showing his successor "the ropes" here, he will depart for Yosemite park to remain permanently. Mrs. Thomson and their sons will remain here for some time before joining him at the California park.

While no facts were given out beyond the bare statement that Colonel Thomson had been sworn in today, it is understood that he took the oath to uphold and defend the constitution, keep away from the Medford wolf links hereafter, be kind to dumb animals, keep his hip pockets vacant of shooting irons and glassware, and help obliterate foot tracks of all unworthy brothers in the sands of time.

Another coincidence worthy of mention in connection with his arrival here six years ago today, to take the Crater lake park superintendency is that the weather of today and that on the day of his arrival was almost exactly the same.

**Dreads Departure.**  
Colonel and Mrs. Thomson and their sons were a very tired family after their trip across the country, and felt quite lonesome and forlorn as they wandered about the depot platform waiting for some one to extend them the glad hand in this strange country, not then knowing that it "is a Great Country" a fact that they



**Will Rogers Says:**  
NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Somebody just left Yale eight million as an endowment to study humans, including senior classmates. They want to find out what kind of a heart beats under a rascelon coat. Yale wants to know why Notre Dame can throw a forward pass further than they can a green apple. It's to study "group conduct" and human behavior. Chicago is the place for that. All this stuff would have been a kick to Abe Lincoln, wouldn't it? A college president's work nowadays consists of thinking up new things for the students to play with that looks like studying. A kindergarten teacher ain't in it with schemes in trying to amuse.

Yours,  
WILL ROGERS.

**SALEM, Ore., Feb. 15.—(AP)—**Among the eight house bills and nine senate bills receiving the approval of the lower house during the Friday afternoon session was H. R. 419 which raises the minimum fine for night fishing and night hunting from \$25 to \$200. This makes the night hunter or night fisher liable to fine from \$200 to \$1000. The bill was drafted to stop night hunting of deer in the southern part of the state.

**Another bill of particular interest to sportsmen** which was approved by the house Friday afternoon was H. R. 334 which prohibits the use of snag or gaff hooks, set lines or lines having more than two attractor blades or more than three hooks when fishing for trout in Oregon lakes.

## CONSOLIDATION OF RAILROADS GIVEN COMMITTEE O.K.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—(AP)—The senate interstate commerce committee today approved the House bill to permit consolidation of railroads. The vote was 7 to 2.

The measure would facilitate unification of the railroads of the country into a few great systems operating upon a basis of equal fair profit and service to the public. This unification could be brought about by mergers, consolidations or other methods of obtaining control. The bill as amended in committee directs the interstate commerce commission to prepare a tentative plan for consolidation but the measure would not make the carrying out of such a plan mandatory.

## CASTING RECORDS FALL IN TOURNEY

ORLANDO, Fla., Feb. 15.—(AP)—Continued assaults on records marked the fourth annual southern states casting tournament here yesterday. Eddie Braddon of Cleveland set a national record in the quarter-ounce distance event, casting the weight 205 feet. William Stanley of Chicago captured the half-ounce distance event, his average being 312 feet.

W. J. Duckwater of Cleveland broke the southern and national record for the five-eighths ounce distance event, with an average of 247 feet.

## FEAR OF INSANITY CAUSES MAN SLAY TWO SISTERS, SELF

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 15.—(AP)—Frank Johnson, who feared insanity would afflict his entire family, went to a hospital last night, shot and killed two of his sisters and then turned his pistol on himself.

One sister, Alma, was a patient, under treatment for mental trouble. Another, Edna, was a hospital nurse. A third sister, Hulda, has been a patient at the hospital for the insane at Hastings, Neb., for a year.

Hospital authorities expected a friendly family gathering when Johnson, a Kearney, Neb., farmer, called and asked to see his sisters. The three had been left in a room only a few minutes, however, when three shots were fired. Nurses found the three bodies. An automatic pistol was clutched in Johnson's hand.

## New York Show Cast Get Jaunt in Patrol Wagon

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Police visited the play, "My Girl Friday," and arrested the cast after last night's performance at the Republic theater.

Players were loaded into a patrol car and taken to the West Forty-ninth street station, where they were later released under \$200 bail each.

The raid followed complaints to Mayor Walker of stifled lines and situations.

The show opened Tuesday after playing in several towns under the name "Undressed Kid," with a different cast.

**Oregon Weather**  
Unsettled, probably local snows in east and rains in west portions tonight and Sunday, with moderate temperature. Gentle, variable winds.



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