

**The Weather**  
Forecast—Fair tonight and probably Tuesday. Not much temperature change.  
Highest yesterday 55  
Lowest this morning to 5 a. m. 28

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

**Weather Year Ago**

Highest	63
Lowest	24

MEDFORD, OREGON, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1929.

**Today**  
By Arthur Brisbane

Consider the Mosquito. Important to Doctors. Mr. Mellon, Fix It. Please Guessing About Hoover.

Melville Stone died last Friday, 80 years old, having lived as he said "from the lightning rod to the radio." Descended from the family of the Admirable Crichton, and better balanced than that interesting prodigy, Melville E. Stone was a good newspaper man, a good friend and knew how to live, wisely and satisfactorily. Not many know as much.

Consider the mosquito, and something about her. The male, unimportant, except as a father, does not bite, or plant disease in you. One solitary mosquito, mother would add to the world, in one year, more than one hundred and fifty-nine billion mosquitoes, if her children all lived.

Scientists say man has no enemy as dangerous as the anophelis mosquito, making millions of men worthless, through malaria, which only mosquitoes give.

It is even believed that the fall of Rome may have been due to mosquitoes on the Pontine marshes, rather than to whiskered invaders from the north.

Money was wasted on airplanes that would not fly and ships that never sailed, in the big war, could rid this country of mosquitoes if only we were interested in killing mosquitoes each other.

It is suggested that airplanes might fight mosquitoes, flying low and spraying marshes. Wonderful flying machine, that can plant forests, scattering seeds on denuded areas, fight forest fires, hunt for gold, and, most important, help man to conquer his insect enemies.

Important to doctors is the announcement by Professor Ribet, of the French Academy of Sciences, of a serum for use in severe hemorrhages.

The serum, its basis consisting of certain salts of nitric acid, can be used in place of blood transfusion, with greater safety, in many cases.

Experiments with 100 dogs, and later with human beings, prove that this serum stimulates the formation of blood corpuscles; 95 per cent of the dogs, and all the human beings survived the experiments.

The serum may save the lives of many women, children, and others, but will not take the place of blood transfusions, when a "donor" can be secured with blood identical with that of the patient.

In war, thousands that die from loss of blood might be saved by this serum.

The world of finance, speculators and men attending to regular business, would be glad if Mr. Mellon would take in hand, and regulate, the stock speculation.

Mr. Mellon understands finance, all the way up. He did not accumulate ACCIDENTALLY what is called "the second biggest fortune in the world." Ninety-nine per cent, at least, of those interested would accept his advice.

There are bad features about the generally ignorant speculation in stocks. Money thus invested might better be invested in other ways. Inevitably, buying ignorantly and recklessly, many are doomed to bear heavy losses.

It is necessary to issue warnings, and the Federal Reserve Bank

## ADD MANY FOR JURY EXEMPTION

Chiropractors, Christian Science Practitioners, Naturopaths and Undertakers Not Compelled to Serve—Public Service Bill Introduced.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 18.—(AP)—Chiropractors, Christian Science practitioners, naturopaths and undertakers are added to the list of those exempt from jury duty in House bill 526 passed Monday morning by the lower house. The bill also provides that the jury lists shall be drawn from the registration rolls instead of entirely from the tax rolls. The state market agent's duties came in for considerable discussion on the floor of the house Monday morning before H. R. 526 was passed. This bill, introduced by Johnson of Wallowa, raises the license fees for public and terminal warehouses from \$5 to \$10 per year.

House bill 522, the county classification bill, was sent directly to the calendar and will come up for third reading in a day or two. Speaker Hamilton stated that the bill is to be put through with all possible speed because of the number of county officers' salary increase bills which are being held up until the disclosure of the house classification bill is learned. Should the two houses pass the county classification bill, the individual salary bills will be dead.

Six other bills passed by the house Monday morning were: House bill 281, relating to place retain actions may be brought and may be maintainable.

House bill 522, the county classification bill, was sent directly to the calendar and will come up for third reading in a day or two. Speaker Hamilton stated that the bill is to be put through with all possible speed because of the number of county officers' salary increase bills which are being held up until the disclosure of the house classification bill is learned. Should the two houses pass the county classification bill, the individual salary bills will be dead.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 18.—(Special)—The permitting counties, cities and school districts to invest surplus monies in high class securities passed the house unanimously today.

## TINY MONOPLANE CRUSHES AVIATOR IN DEATH PLUNGE

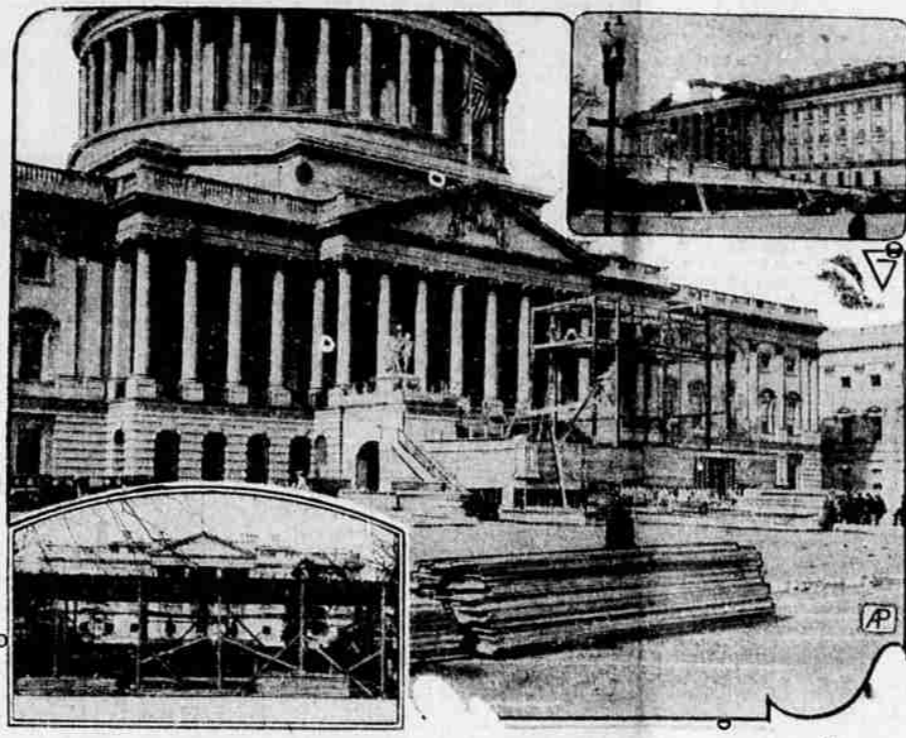
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 18.—(AP)—Aviation authorities here today were yet unable to determine definitely the cause of the fatal plunge of the tiny monoplane at Swan Island airport here yesterday in which William B. Fenton, citizen flier, lost his life. The general theory is that Fenton attempted to bank the plane before he had gained sufficient flying speed.

## PORTLAND CRACK WINS TRAPSHOOT AT KANSAS CITY

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Frank Troch, Portland, Ore., breaking 24 out of 25 targets today, won the international flyer championship at the Interstate trapshoot here. His total score for the three days was 96 out of a possible 100.

SALE, Pilot, Houston, Texas, and G. E. Franz, St. Louis, tied for second with 92 each. They broke 28 out of 25 targets.

## CAPITAL RUSHES INAUGURAL PREPARATIONS



Workers are rushing preparations in Washington for the inauguration ceremony March 4. They are shown erecting the stand in front of the capitol on which President-elect Hoover will take the oath of office. Upper right is the reviewing stand being built at the treasury. Lower left is reviewing stand at white house.

## ALMA RUBENS RECUPERATING AT HER HOME

Film Actress Leaves Hospital After Operation—Mother Says Alma Paid Dr. Citron \$1200 in Five Weeks for Drugs.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 18.—(AP)—Alma Rubens, film actress, described as in a serious condition from a nervous breakdown and excessive use of narcotics, today was out of the Hollywood hospital and recuperating in her home, from an operation. Simultaneously state and federal officials removed their investigations into the alleged illegal prescribing of the narcotics for her.

Miss Rubens was removed to her home late yesterday from the hospital where last week she underwent an operation. The nature of this was not disclosed, but following it her condition had been reported as critical. Previously she had been confined to a sanitarium for treatment of her disordered condition. Dr. L. Jesse Citron, Beverly Hills physician, is the only one of eight physicians being investigated for their alleged illegal activities in prescribing narcotics. The state board of medical examiners cited Dr. Citron to appear before it with the prospect of revoking his license because of 21 narcotic prescriptions alleged to have been issued by him to Miss Rubens. He declared that, although he did prescribe the narcotics for her until he learned that she had become addicted to its use, some of the prescriptions bore forged signatures.

Miss Rubens' mother has told investigating officials that the actress said she had paid Mr. Citron \$1200 in five weeks for prescriptions. The seized prescriptions carried dates showing they were issued between September 21 and October 17 last. Mrs. Rubens also made known that her film actress daughter was making a fight for his life to surmount her addiction. The actress today was in her mother's care at their Beverly Hills home.

## BROTHER SHOT FOR DEER NEAR BUXTON

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 18.—(AP)—Suffering from gunshot wounds inflicted by his brother who mistook him for a deer while the two were hunting in the woods near their home yesterday, Antonio Simajal, 25, of Buxton, Ore., was in a hospital here today.

## MIGRATORY BIRD BILL IS SIGNED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—(AP)—President Coolidge today signed the Norbeck migratory bird bill, establishing bird refuges in various sections of the country.

## ENGLAND DISCLAIMS PACT PLAN

Anonymous Predictions of Early Disarmament Effort and Foreign Office Disclaimers Aired By London Press—Sir Esme Says Intimation Made Unofficially

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 18.—(AP)—England declined to waver just what the new disarmament discussion with the United States is all about.

The entire incident—anonymous predictions of early removal of disarmament efforts, statement of Sir Esme Howard, ambassador at Washington, that such was in early prospect, and Saturday's disclaimer carried by the foreign office—has received an expansive airing in the metropolitan press.

Reliable sources informed the Associated Press that the foreign office statement of Saturday declared that the time had not yet arrived for an official announcement. Colored reports of the ambassador's intimation of prospect of disarmament action were the commonest necessary.

In Washington, Sir Esme has said that his last week's intimation of early resumption of disarmament efforts was made entirely on his own initiative and was not on behalf of his government.

## FIRE DESTROYS GRANGERS' HALL AT EAGLE POINT

The Grange hall at Eagle Point was totally destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. The origin of the blaze is unknown, but it is thought to have been caused by a carelessly thrown cigarette stub, which fell in the woodpile in the basement.

The fire was discovered by Lucius Clinecode, about 2 o'clock in the morning, who, with O. G. Ward, spread the alarm. John Phillips, the night phone operator, awakened citizens, but when they arrived the flames were far advanced. Eagle Point has no water system, and the pumper from the local fire department was called. It arrived on the scene in record time. The structure was a mass of flames and beyond saving, however.

Calm weather prevented the spread of the fire to the nearby high school building and gymnasium.

The loss is estimated at about \$5500, partially covered by insurance.

It is highly probable that the building will be rebuilt at an early date by the Eagle Point Grange.

## FRISCO POLICE SEEK ABDUCTOR OF BABY GIRL

Four-Year-Old Doris Smith-Murphy Missing Since Friday—Death at Hands of Kidnapers Is Feared—No Clues Found.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—(AP)—"Fear that four-year-old Doris Smith-Murphy who has been missing since Friday will never be found alive, today led Chief of Police William J. Quinn to order every available man into the search for the child and her supposed abductor.

Without a single tangible clue to the disappearance of the little girl from a city playground, authorities were convinced that she had been the victim of a kidnaping.

"I'm afraid," said Captain of Detectives Duncan Matheson, "that we will find the little girl's body in some basement in the neighborhood where she disappeared."

Police of the district and neighboring cities joined the hunt yesterday, while radio stations broadcast news of the child's disappearance and descriptions of her and the man with whom she was seen talking.

## WIRE THIEF FOUND DEAD ON CROSS ARM

MARYSVILLE, Cal., Feb. 18.—(AP)—An unidentified body was found hanging from a crossarm of a pole which supported the carrier of a 11,000-volt electric line. Police, finding a pair of pliers at the foot of the pole, believed the man had been one of a gang of copper wire thieves operating in this district. They thought he was electrocuted while trying to cut out a section of the wire.

## CALIFORNIA STUDENT DIES IN CAR SMASH

BERKELEY, Cal., Feb. 18.—(AP)—Harry Fawkes, 22, of Oakland was killed by overturning of his automobile while he and three other students were returning home from a party. Police said the car rolled two bottles of liquor from the wreck, but the survivors denied that Fawkes had taken any of it.

## DOHENY JR. ATTACK ON PRESIDENT KILLED BY PROHIBITION LAW ELECT GOES SECRETARY CONTINUED TO CAPITAL

Crazed Man Commits Suicide After Struggle With Oil Magnate's Son—Divorce Last October Said to Have Unbalanced Mind of Hugh Plunkett.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Investigation of the murder of Edward L. Doheny, Jr., millionaire son of the oil magnate, early today had constructed a picture of a life and death struggle with a crazed man, his secretary, friend and murderer, Hugh Plunkett. The slain committed suicide when he found himself trapped in young Doheny's Beverly Hills mansion, "Greystone," where indications of a desperate struggle were built into a scene of an untold tragic drama.

Since Plunkett's wife obtained an unexecuted divorce last October, investigators of the district attorney's office said, young Doheny's confidential secretary had shown a nervous ailment which had become serious. Dr. E. C. Fishbaugh, the Doheny family physician for 10 years, at the request of the 36-year-old heir of the Doheny millions had attended Plunkett. Saturday afternoon, a few hours before the double tragedy, a family conference had been held over Plunkett's condition. The conference attempted to induce Plunkett, who was living at "Greystone," to go to a sanitarium for rest and treatment, which he refused.

Young Doheny was clad in night clothing and a robe when his body was found, with a bullet through the head, on the floor of Plunkett's room Saturday night. The investigating officer and Dr. Fishbaugh expressed the opinion last night that Doheny had been called to Plunkett's room late in the evening, that Doheny had seen Plunkett's mind was in a nervous condition, was decided to have been gathered from evidence in the room.

Toppled and disarranged furniture and furnishings indicated to the investigators that Doheny had battled with his abductor. The investigators theorized that Doheny had been taken home from his friends and employer, firing the fatal shot from an obsolete model revolver, which he had possessed several years. They also observed the possibility that Doheny had for a moment quieted Plunkett, and that both were seated in chairs a few feet apart when the shot was fired.

Immediately Plunkett in the room only to be met in a hallway by Mrs. Doheny and Dr. Fishbaugh, who had been called from a theater to attend Plunkett. "You stay out of here," Plunkett shouted, according to the physician, who said the crowd man turned a hat and abandoned the bedroom door behind him. A shot followed. Dr. Fishbaugh sent Mrs. Doheny back to her living room, and entered Plunkett's room to find both bodies.

The elder Doheny, founder of the oil business, which he had virtually turned over to his 10-year-old son, collapsed when he walked from his home across the street to view the body of his son. He recovered quickly, and assured friends that he would face the situation as stoically as possible.

Although Mrs. Doheny was reported suffering acutely from shock, the physician said, she had not allowed herself to become hysterical.

District Attorney Byron Fitts last night fixed the time of Doheny's murder at 10:55 o'clock Saturday night.

## JUDGE LITTLEFIELD DIES AT BREAKFAST

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 18.—(AP)—Judge Edwin V. Littlefield, of the law firm of Joseph, Hancy and Littlefield, died at the breakfast table at his home here today. The action makes final the court's decision on January 2 that former Secretary Fall, in considering the matter, failed to decide whether law was of known mineral character in 1902, when it was surveyed, and that Fall's finding that the company's title had become unassailable was not binding.

Threat to Expose Solon Drinkers Declared Jest—'Force' Substituted for Reason; Bible Abandoned; Law Become Failure, Assertions of Missourian.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Before gallery crowds lured by the prospect of an oratorical conflict between two renegade debaters—Fred and Borah—Senator Reed of Missouri resumed today his farewell attack in the senate upon the prohibition law.

The senator began soon after the day's session opened, aware that Senator Borah, who had contemplated delivering a reply. A murmur of amusement ran through the galleries when Reed declared at the beginning of his address that "a remark made Saturday in jest seems to have caused some amazement." He referred to his statement that he might violate the confidence of friends, so all may be composed.

"I am not going to make those things public. I would not violate the confidence of friends, so all may be composed. "I may have made mistake. Saving my life but I have never sunk to the low level of a prohibition informer."

With this preliminary, the senator waded into his address with clear cut sentences and a slow measured voice.

"Force has been substituted for reason," he said, "the penalty for persuasion, cruelty for charity. We have abandoned the bible and the better book and have taken to the lash, the prison, the gun, the bloodshed."

He told a story of a nice, well-meaning lady, who asked what difference it made if a few hundred died of liquor poisoned by the government if prohibition could be enforced. If those were "sporadic instances of some one half insane," he said, "no one would think twice about them."

"But this spirit of intolerance is abroad," he said, "and we hear the idea that whatever can be done under a law is just and right and one of the dying." "The law is unjust, any cruelty seems, any atrocity."

"The law has been the instrument of tyrants since time began. Despots have, by the law, sought to justify and cloak their deeds which have saturated the world with blood, filled the air with tears and one of the dying."

"The law is unjust, a cruel law may be as just as such a crime as the act of an individual who assassinates in the dark," Reed argued.

"The law was enacted at the demand of an organization. At the head of that organization was Wayne B. Wheeler."

Reed then read from a biography of the late counsel of the Anti-Saloon league.

"It was going to make the people believe in hell fire," continued Reed. "He preferred force. That is the spirit that was taking the place of the kindly ministrations of the temperance folks a few years ago."

Bids Goodbye to Land of Sunshine This Morning—Friends Aboard Special Train—Florida Hospitality Given Praise—To Await Inauguration in Capital.

By JAMES L. WEST Associated Press Staff Writer MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 18.—(AP)—President-elect Hoover bade farewell today to this land of sunshine, heading for Washington on a special train, which left here at 10:30 a. m.

Like the two days just past, this was one of the heat, almost like a July day in the national capital, hotter perhaps than any Mr. Hoover encountered on his Latin-American tour.

The next president and Mrs. Hoover occupied a private car alone, but several of their friends had compartments in other cars of the long train. These included Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hiram of New York, who have been house guests at Belle Isle, and A. W. Shay of Chicago, a member of the committee on economic trends of which the president-elect is chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoover left the James C. Penney home on Belle Isle less than half an hour before train time, motoring across Biscayne bay to the Florida East Coast station here, where a sizeable crowd awaited them.

Hospitality Praised Before leaving Miami, President-elect Hoover stopped to express his appreciation of the manner in which the people welcomed him. "I want to express my appreciation to the people of Miami and Florida," he said. "They have given us a very happy vacation and we hope to be able to come again."

The special is due in Washington at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow, and Mr. and Mrs. Hoover will go direct to their home to remain until inauguration day.

Since most president-elects have waited until the day before March 4 to enter the national capital, Mr. Hoover's decision to go back 13 days before the end of the administration of Calvin Coolidge has furnished still another subject for speculation.

Some say he is having difficulties in determining upon the complete personnel of his cabinet; others that some of the congressional leaders are not satisfied with his plans regarding farm relief-tariff revision as a session of the new congress, and still others that he wants to confer with some of those he has chosen as members of his official family.

The president-elect himself has maintained silence. It is explained on his behalf, however, that there is no mystery about the matter; that he wants to complete his inaugural address and hold conferences with some who could not conveniently do so in late at this time.

Danny Devere, Dead WHEELING, W. Va., Feb. 18.—(AP)—Danny Devere, 82, old time minstrel, who appeared with Primrose and West, Lew Dockstader and Al C. Field, died last night.

## HIGH COURT WILL NOT RECONSIDER ELK HILL RULING

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—(AP)—The supreme court today refused to reconsider its recent decision that the secretary of the Interior had the right to scrutinize the title of the Standard Oil company in Elk Hills, Kern county, Cal.

The action makes final the court's decision on January 2 that former Secretary Fall, in considering the matter, failed to decide whether law was of known mineral character in 1902, when it was surveyed, and that Fall's finding that the company's title had become unassailable was not binding.

## Will Rogers Says: NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—

There has been quite an argument over whose budget will pay for the new cruisers just voted. Coolidge has offered to split the cost 50-50. He will pay for the blue prints if Hoover will pay for the cruisers. Greece owed us \$17,850,000 on a war debt, so Saturday congress passed a bill to loan 'em \$12,150,000 so it would make it an even 30 million. We don't like to be bothered with being owed small, uneven sums. Truth comes out mighty slow. Florida wants the federal government to pay all the expenses of putting a windbreak around Lake Okechobee, so the water won't all blow out. Religion didn't drive that state republicans. Yours, WILL ROGERS.

