

The Weather
 Forecast — Cloudy tonight and Wednesday; moderate.
 Highest yesterday 48
 Lowest this morning to 5 a. m. 28
 Precipitation 24 hrs. to 5 a. m. .02

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
 Highest year ago 54
 Lowest year ago 21

MEDFORD, OREGON, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1929.

Today

By Arthur Briabano

The Canal Is Needed. 20,000 Cars a Day. Japan Balks at Words. Beaverbrooke Drops In.

Wisely Congress revokes its own decision and provides money for necessary work in Nicaragua by United States marines.

This country, by treaty with Nicaragua, has acquired the right to build a Pacific to Atlantic canal, via the Nicaragua route.

Certain gentlemen of Nicaragua, with big hats but small brains, do not want the canal built. This country and the whole world need the canal.

Congressmen, fussing about Mr. Sandino, Nicaragua revolutionist, and sympathizing with his fondness for shooting American marines, represent their constituents poorly.

One hundred and twenty-three thousand automobiles were built in this country last week, twice as many as were built in the same week last year, when Ford was not producing.

An average of 20,000 automobile units per day, trucks and tractors included, is a marvelous record. "Where do they go?" is asked.

They go to replace old cars and supply new ones to the growing army of prosperity and to the increasing number of "two and three car families." If every automobile running lasted five years, replacements alone would call for 5,000,000 new cars a year.

COOLIDGES' FAREWELL SATURDAY

President Regrets Leaving Pleasant Personal Associations—To Be Host at Dinner for Cabinet and Wives—Leaves for Northampton After Inauguration Ceremony.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—(AP)—As the time approaches for President Coolidge to relinquish his office, he has a little feeling of regret at a necessary interruption to many pleasant personal associations, but at the same time he feels relieved that the end of his responsibilities as president is at hand.

With Mrs. Coolidge, the chief executive is to be host at dinner to members of the cabinet and their wives on Saturday night and will entertain Mr. and Mrs. Hoover, Senator Curtis and his sister, Mrs. Gann, similarly Sunday evening.

Mr. Coolidge expects to entrain for Northampton shortly after the inauguration ceremonies at the capitol, "without returning to the White House. Although it has been customary for the retiring president to return to the White House with the new executive after the inauguration exercises, the practice has been disregarded in several cases and the president feels that there is no precedent making it binding on him.

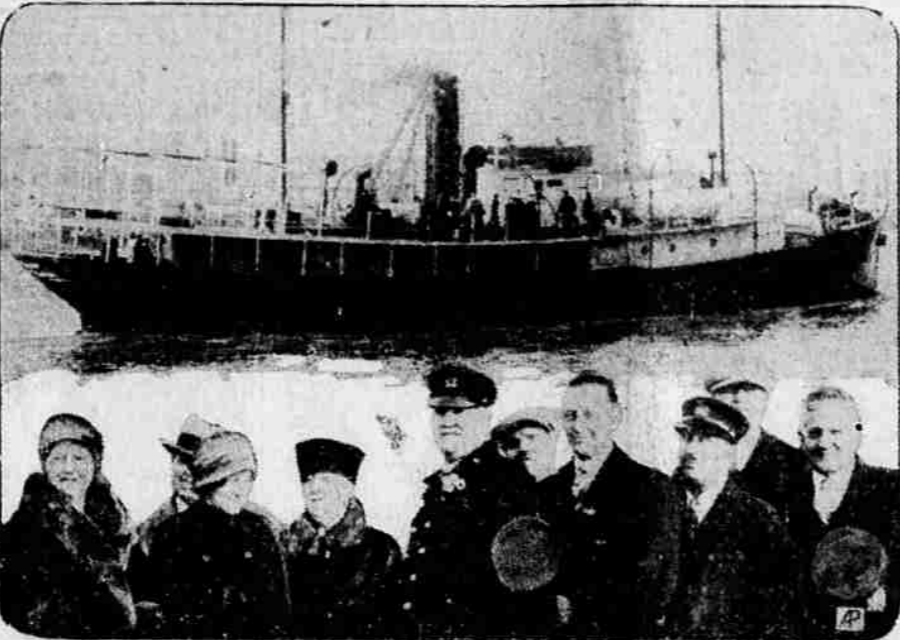
Mr. Coolidge has made no further arrangements regarding his activities after leaving the presidency. Although he has been approached by representatives of several newspapers and magazine syndicates with a view to obtaining his services for the retiring president, he has entered into no definite agreement with any of them.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Anxious to complete the selection of his cabinet, President-elect Hoover conferred over the breakfast table today with William J. Donovan, assistant to the attorney general, who is prominently mentioned for secretary of war.

After the conference Mr. Donovan, who took a leading part in the Hoover campaign, declined to discuss the trend of his conversation with Mr. Hoover. After the election, speculation as to Mr. Donovan's status placed him in the attorney generalship. Now, however, the name of William D. Mitchell of Minnesota, solicitor general of the United States, has taken a leading place in the speculation over that post.

Previous opinions of political cabinet makers have given St. Louis as a Democrat, but he has had support from several strong Republicans.

PARTY SAILS IN SEARCH OF DREAM ISLAND



Matthew F. Bramley, Cleveland millionaire, purchased the Peary, Commander McMillan's old arctic ship, and will cruise the seas in an effort to find an island he visioned in a dream. The party before sailing from Boston, left to right: Mary Baughan, Lillian Nugent, Mrs. Bramley, Mr. Bramley, William Schloss, Dr. Dominic A. Lanese and Edward H. Green.

GRAND JURY TO RE-CONVENE ON THURSDAY NEXT

Petit Jury Called for March 11—Civil Suits Include Libel Action Against Newspaper and Porter Accident Case.

The grand jury in session yesterday, adjourned until Thursday, when they will resume their deliberations.

The petit jury has been called to meet Monday, March 11, with a total of 22 civil, criminal and equity actions scheduled for hearing.

Among the civil suits listed is that of H. C. Young against the News Publishing Company for alleged libel, the case being an echo of the DeAutremont trials, the alleged libel arising from a story published at that time.

Another case of considerable interest is that of B. F. Sanders against Dr. E. H. Porter for damages, aggregating close to \$50,000, as the result of an auto accident near Modesto, Calif., in which Mrs. Sanders was mortally injured, the tragedy occurring while the Porters were on a motor trip to southern California. The plaintiff is represented by J. A. Lazzarini and Hoge, Bright and Pugh and the defendant by Porter J. Neff.

The trial list for the term of court is as follows, the cases being called in the order printed: State of Oregon vs. Ted Smith and Albert Gotchell. State of Oregon vs. I. H. Watkins. Rogge River Valley Canal Co. vs. R. P. Cowling. Hollywood Orchard Company vs. Dennis Kimball and Pope. C. F. Rierstein vs. E. M. Riechman and R. E. Riechman. The Kimball Fruit Co. vs. Lincy Hartley. State of Oregon vs. Jesse Miller, et al. Harry C. Young vs. News Publishing Company. Ed Smith vs. Frank Cameron, et al. The Medford National Bank vs. R. A. Blanchard, et al. Russell E. Ince vs. Polk Hull. B. F. Sanders vs. E. H. Porter. B. F. Sanders vs. E. H. Porter. M. G. Myers vs. Medford Irrigation District. M. J. Brown, et ux. vs. C. L. Roberts, et ux. C. & E. Fruit Company vs. Pacific Coast Cannery, Inc. George Shrive vs. Mark B. Jarman, et al. C. R. Smith vs. O. J. Tarbell. Carl Howell vs. Bankin Estes, French & Atwood vs. Roy I. Gantfield. Fred Middlebush vs. Ben Geary. Southern Oregon Credit Bureau vs. Samuel Bertelson, et ux. Carl V. Smith vs. Jackson Co. Creamery. Equity. George Ehrive vs. Ralph G. Jennings.

SCULPTOR BARGAINS With Saint Anthony in Dream for Cure

NAPLES, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Vincenzo Gemito, famous sculptor, who has been ill with pneumonia, today attributed a considerable improvement in his condition to intervention of St. Anthony of Padua.

He told a member of the household of the Duchess of Aosta that the saint had appeared to him in a dream and had made a statue of the saint.

Gemito said he promised St. Anthony that if cured he would "immortalize" him in marble.

The duchess sent her wishes for the sculptor's recovery.

ROAD PROPOSAL WILL BE HEARD MARCH 6-11

Dates of hearings by the county court, for and against the construction of the proposed Midway road from Dr. C. T. Sweeney's gate on the Pacific Highway, have been set for Wednesday, March 6, and the following Wednesday, March 11. The hearings give promise of being widely attended and are attracting more than ordinary attention, among those directly concerned, and the county in general. The first reading of the petitions will be made at the regular session of the county court tomorrow.

NEGRO TRIES TO BURN WOMAN IN FURNACE

Wife of Retired Baker Assaulted By Servant—Little Hope for Recovery—Mob Violence Feared—Black Spirited to Topeka Jail.

ATCHISON, Kans., Feb. 25.—(AP)—Mrs. C. V. Jacobs, 55, wife of a retired baker, was at the point of death today following an attempt of a negro assailant to burn her alive in the furnace of her home.

Louis Glover, 35, the alleged attacker, arrested shortly after he left the Jacobs home late yesterday, was spirited out of town by officers who feared mob violence. There was some scattered talk of violence, but no demonstrations.

Mrs. Jacobs was severely burned about the head and shoulders and nearly asphyxiated, but named Glover as her assailant before she collapsed. Physicians said there was little hope for her recovery.

The negro, who had been employed as a handy man around the house, attacked Mrs. Jacobs and then dragged her down the basement steps, said Matches falling to ignite her clothing, she said. He thrust her head into the furnace and attempted to shove the rest of her body through the door. He was frightened by the ringing of the doorbell when the woman's husband returned home, and fled. Jacobs found his wife's clothing ablaze.

Glover denied the attack. Officers said at one time he was an inmate of an insane asylum.

TORNADOES TAKE TOLL IN 3 STATES

Twenty-Two Perish in Early Spring Storms—Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas, Visited By Twisters—Duncan, Miss., Left in Wreckage—14 Killed.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 25.—(AP)—Tornadoes, making an early spring visit to three states yesterday, left a trail of 22 dead, scores injured, a wrecked village and property damage exceeding \$500,000.

At intervals of a few hours the wind storms dipped down into northeast Texas, northwest Mississippi and southeast Arkansas, striking with greatest fury at Duncan, Miss., where 11 of the 450 population were killed and the village left in wreckage.

The dead are: Texas—Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Jones, who lost their lives in the collapse of their home at Cooper, and two negroes killed at Grand Prairie. Mississippi—J. T. Johnson, tenant farmer, Kate Mack, 2, and Eddie Mack, 6, her brother; a Chinese family of five, and six negroes crushed to death in the collapse of a building at Duncan, and two negroes killed on a plantation 11 miles northwest of Marks. Arkansas—Mrs. C. J. Nicholson and her 15-year-old daughter, who met death in the destruction of their farm home near DeWitt.

Almost without warning the hamlet of Duncan was demolished about 2:30 p. m. yesterday when a twister swept diagonally across the business section. Fourteen stores, a two-story brick hotel, eight residences and a number of negro cabins escaped unscathed. Few structures were left.

All power in Duncan was cut off and while rescue workers searched the wreckage in darkness, national guardsmen patrolled the vicinity to prevent looting and vandalism. The troops were ordered out early in the evening by Governor Theo G. Bilbo.

Two black clouds rapidly converging in the northwest gave Duncan its first warning of the coming storm. There was a terrific roar as the clouds met and the air was filled with debris.

There was so much noise that it sounded as if every house in town was being torn to pieces," said the Rev. E. E. McKethen, pastor of the Methodist church, said in describing the storm. "Nobody had time to do anything and it was all over in a matter of minutes. The tornado was followed by a scene of awful confusion with men and women screaming and running in all directions."

Call it a Moon Kuts Cockroach, Officers Discover

If indulgers in northern California moonshine in this section knew just what they were drinking, they perhaps would not be so anxious to drink liquor from that state.

Officers declared it was the lowest grade moonshine on the market and is of the kind that has been sold to local dance hall trade for several months.

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF BILLS ARE SENT IN

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 25.—(AP)—Another attempt to secure a lieutenant governor for the state of Oregon has been made in the form of a house joint resolution, presented Monday afternoon under the signatures of Representatives Tompkins, Norton, Weatherston, LaFollette, Ebert, Byrum, Longman, James H. E. Scott, Briggs, Winslow, and Senators Joe Dunn, Schulmerich and Staples.

Three additional proposals of the property tax relief commission were presented for the consideration of the legislature Monday afternoon in the form of house bills 581, 582 and 583.

The first bill limits the bonded indebtedness of any city or town to 10 per cent of its assessed valuation. Utility bonds, improvement bonds, and any bonds heretofore legally voted but not issued, and refunding bonds are exempt from the limitation.

Under suspension of the rules the lower house closed on a heavy day at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon by passing house bill 585, which appropriates \$145,000 for the "per diem mileage and expenses of senators and representatives and the general operating and maintenance expenses of the 55th legislative assembly."

Without opposition the Malarky bill, which divides the seven judicial districts of the supreme court into seven departments for election purposes, was passed by the senate Monday. The effect is that each candidate for the supreme bench runs in contest for a particular place on the bench and not against the field as at present.

SEVENTEEN GANGSTERS ARE SOUGHT

Commission Asks Wholesale Arrests in Chicago Massacre Probe—Photos of Some Identified—'Blue Book' of Criminals Is Studied.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—(AP) Heavy police details and 1700 watchers at the polls seemed to function effectively today in Chicago's alternative election, for only minor disagreements and irregularities were reported.

Four precinct captains, involved in disputes outside polling places, were arrested and taken to the election commissioners' office for questioning. They were dismissed when they explained they were arguing about instructing voters outside polls.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—(AP) An order for the arrest of 17 men was issued by Deputy Police Commissioner John Stege today in the gang massacre investigation.

Several of the men in his list, he said, may have been the actual killers. Others are believed to have furnished important knowledge concerning the seven-fold murder. Photographs of some of the 17 have been identified, he said, by witnesses whose identities have been kept secret for their own protection. The arrests were ordered after Stege had spent several hours of study over the police "blue book" of criminals, and had questioned witnesses.

The 17 who are sought are: Claude Maddox, arrested a short time ago when a machine gun was found at "The Circus" cafe of which he is part owner.

Joseph Latorio, John Schutte, Danny Gallo, gang leader; Rocco Fanelli, under indictment in connection with vote rackets in the "Bloody Twentieth" ward; Tony Barone, Rocco Belanator, whose description corresponds with that of witnesses who gave the man who drove the death car for the Valentine's day killers.

Frank Blumond, known as a maker of stills; Rocco Geffro; Moran; William (Boxer) Rude; Samuel and Joseph Aiello, brothers and friends of George (Bugs) Charles Kappel; Frank Milice and George Magdox.

OLGA AND NICHOLAS' NUPTIALS AWAITING LOCATION OF PRIEST

REVERSIDALE, Cal., Feb. 25.—(AP)—Olga Baclanova, Russian actress, and Nicholas Soussanin, Russian actor and economist, today were attempting to reconcile a Riverside marriage license with the fact that this county contains no priest of the Orthodox Greek faith.

Unless an Orthodox priest will come to Riverside from Los Angeles to perform the ceremony, the couple will be forced to take out a new license in Los Angeles county, delaying their marriage for the three-day period required by law between the application for and the issuance of a marriage license.

The actress first met Soussanin in Moscow, where they both played. She recently was divorced from Valdemar Zoppi, Russian lawyer.

In application for the marriage license, she gave her age as 29. Soussanin gave his as 49.

Weather. Oregon: Generally cloudy tonight and Wednesday; probably rain northwest; slightly warmer in the east central portion tonight. Fresh southerly winds on the coast.

HILLSBORO. — Plans completed for construction of new building to be occupied by Tualatin valley division of Portland Electric Power company.

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KIDNAPERS OF RICHARD GRANT ARE CAPTURED

ROSWELL, N. M., Feb. 25.—(AP) Richard Grant, 11 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Grant of Los Angeles, who was kidnaped from his home December 22 of last year, was found by California officers here today. He was dirty and ragged, but happy. The officers arrested Harry Palmer, 49, a large area now undeveloped and lacking short transportation facilities, make the area feasible for plating into small acreage tracts, and increase the value of the land.

The road, if approved, would be constructed this year and be ready for traffic in the fall fruit hauling operations.

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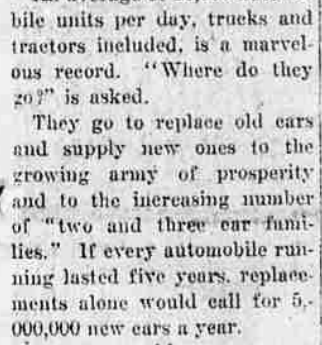
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Will Rogers Says:

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Say, what do you know about Lady? What a sucker he is making out of these other fiances who go to see their girls on a train or a bicycle. What a boost for aviation. The modern girl is going to say, "Fly to me, kid. Don't come creeping up here in a Buick."

You will find that the Dempsey shooting was financed by the Los Angeles chamber of commerce for him giving so much publicity to Florida.

Hoover's only got six more days to draw names out of the hat. Yours, WILL ROGERS.



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