

## Today

By Arthur Brisbane  
Dropping the Plow.  
There Is Plenty of Money.  
Sir Henry Might Show Us  
Russia's Short Cuts.

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Putting your hand to the plow and dropping it before you have finished one furrow is easy.

Congress adjourns, leaving unfinished a tariff that was to represent farm relief. Congressmen could not agree about big industrial corporation relief, which turned out to be a real tariff issue.

However, President Hoover has pledged from leading industrialists, who promise to spend two billion dollars in important works.

That will employ workers and enable them to buy farm products, very important to farm relief.

The nation might set a good example by proceeding more energetically with road building and other needed work, for which money has been appropriated.

There is plenty of money in the country. Bank deposits in New York City alone have increased more than a billion dollars since October first.

There is also plenty of water in oceans and lakes. The water does no good, until you get it on fields, irrigating crops. The money does not good, until you put it to work, employing men and producing goods.

Sir Henry Deterding, boss of the Powerful British Shell Oil Company, on his way here, will be pleased to see his bright yellow wagons everywhere.

\*Perhaps he can show our oil men how to conserve oil and stop waste. American helplessness in that direction is pitiful.

The British did that with rubber, forming a pool, highly profitable to themselves. They would have made us pay off their whole war debt in high prices for rubber, had not Mr. Hoover interfered.

Russia believes in all sorts of short cuts. A Russian abroad, ordered to return, is guilty of treason, if he fails to obey, and will be shot within 24 hours of his capture by Russian authorities.

Russia continues making short cuts in carrying out its



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## FARMERS IN RETREAT AS FIRE NEARS

### Mountain Trail Sole Escape for Settlers Between Gold Hill and Palmer Butte—Hundreds Battle Flames—Incendiary Origin Suspected—Big Redwoods Blazing.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Nov. 25.—(AP)—Seven new fires in southwestern Oregon forests late today sent every available official of the United States forestry service attached to this district office into active service. The fresh outbreak was reported at a time when it was believed all major fires were under control.

James Billingslea, district supervisor, left at once to take active charge of the situation. While early reports indicated the Gold Beach fire had been brought under control, latest word said the flames had broken out anew.

With telephone lines burned out, communication with many of the fire lines was seriously handicapped, and in most places communication was maintained only by runners.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Nov. 25.—(AP)—A remote mountain trail thru forests threatened by fire today was the sole avenue of escape for ranchers and residents of many small towns between Gold Hill and Palmer Butte, Ore., where forest fire of incendiary origin baffled hundreds of fighters and scorched its way toward the coast line.

Grave fears of the U. S. forestry service officials held last night for families in the narrow valley leading into Gold Hill turned to general alarm as meager news of the spread of the fires reached them.

While hundreds of men were fighting the Gold Hill and Jack creek fires and scores of others were pushing through shortcuts in the wilderness to augment forces, rangers, under the direction of James H. Billingslea, supervisor of the Siskiyou national forest, were beating the brush for unidentified persons believed guilty of starting the blaze.

**Lines Down**  
The last line of communication between Grants Pass and Brookings, a small village of two hundred persons and a half dozen buildings, crumpled under the advancing Rogue River valley fire last night and forestry officials dispatched runners to return with information.

Ignited by a brisk wind which shifted during the night, the California-Oregon boundary line blaze, which gave fighters stubborn resistance since Wednesday, was reported to have changed its course and swept on toward Crescent City, Cal.

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## RAIL CHIEFS MEET IN FIRST HOOVER CONFERENCE



The railroad executives and cabinet members who attended the first of a series of business expansion conferences called by President Hoover. Front row (left to right): A. T. Dice of the Philadelphia and Reading; R. H. Ashton, president of the American Railway Association; Secretary of Commerce Lamont, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, H. Holden, and L. F. Lorce of the Delaware and Hudson. Back row (left to right): Jeremiah Milbank of the Southern Railway; J. J. Bernet of the Chesapeake and Ohio; P. E. Crowley of the New York Central; Fairfax Harrison of the Southern Railway; F. W. Sargent of the Chicago Northwestern; A. H. Shaw, Julius H. Barnes and William Butterworth of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

## CANNON SIGNAL BOSCS REACH FINAL REST OF M. CLEMENCEAU

### Former Premier Buried Without Pomp Beside Father in Village Plot—101 Gun Salute Is Fired at Funeral Hour.

MOUCHEMPS, Vendee, France, Nov. 25.—(AP)—Former Premier Georges Clemenceau was buried shortly after noon today, as he had wished, without pomp or ceremony.

The body of the "father of victory" was placed beside that of his father in a little plot in Colombier just outside the village, to rest forever in his beloved Vendeean home.

Only members of the family and about twenty of his most intimate friends were present at the interment, gentlemen keeping at a distance villagers and other spectators.

Rain which had been persistent all morning ceased as the little cortege entered the burial place, but the sky remained gray and misty.

Although the premier's closest friends had announced he would be buried standing upright, the family decided at the last moment that the grave should be dug as usual because solid rock crops out at the burial place to within a yard of the surface.

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## BOSCS REACH TOP PRICE OF 1929 SEASON

The sixteenth car of Medford Bosc pears, offered on the Detroit auction market by the Winter Pear committee, sold today for an average of \$4.57 per box, the highest price of the Detroit season, and topping for the fourth consecutive carlot sale, the four leading pear markets of the land.

The New York price today was around the \$4 mark. The Chicago average was \$3.76 per box.

The average prices, by sizes, today were:

9's	\$4.60
10's	4.60
11's	4.55
12's	4.55
13's	4.55
14's	4.55
15's	4.60
16's	4.60
18's	4.60

## BANKER TRIES SUICIDE AS BANKRUPTCY LOOMS

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 25.—(AP)—Reed C. Peters, executive vice-president of the Peters Trust company, which closed its doors today, attempted to commit suicide this afternoon by throwing himself beneath a moving truck on a downtown street intersection. His skull was probably fractured and one leg fractured. He also received other severe injuries.

## FEDERAL GIFT TAX IS HELD VALID BY COURT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—(AP)—Gift taxes imposed under the federal revenue law were held valid today by the supreme court in a case brought by Joseph H. Brumley of Philadelphia who was required to pay a tax of \$29,595 on gifts totaling \$588,209.

## Numerous Cures Claimed By Visitors to Grave; Cemetery Ordered Closed

MALDEN, Mass., Nov. 25.—(AP)—Ending one of the greatest religious demonstrations in the history of the country, Holy Cross cemetery was closed today to all except funerals by order of Cardinal O'Connell, Roman Catholic archbishop of Boston. The third throng of 10,000 during the last three weeks journeyed yesterday to the grave of the Rev. Patrick J. Power seeking miraculous cures. A week ago 200,000 visited the grave. The cardinal closed the cemetery in order to have reports of cures investigated. Lines of the devout, hundreds of yards in length, again waited hours in a biting wind to pass slowly by the grave in final review. The

## R. HITCHCOCK OF STAGE FAME IS STROKE VICTIM

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 25.—(AP)—Raymond Hitchcock, 64, stage actor and musical-comedy favorite, died suddenly shortly before one o'clock this morning from a heart attack.

The veteran actor and his wife, Mrs. Marguerite Hitchcock, were returning to their Beverly Hills home from a short automobile trip. As they reached the driveway to their home, Hitchcock gave a gasp and fell over on his wife's shoulder. Death was believed instantaneous. Hitchcock, who came to Hollywood several years ago to undertake motion pictures, has been subject to heart attacks for several years, friends said.

Films in which he has been featured include "Red Hens Preferred," and "Money Talks." He also appeared in other pictures during 1924 and 1927.

For many years Hitchcock occupied a foremost position among the stage luminaries of America, his greatest successes having been in the field of musical comedy.

Born in Auburn, N. Y., October 22, 1865, he made his first stage appearance in 1889. After appearing in minor roles in many New York comedies, he scored highly in "King Dodge," a fantastic musical play, in which he portrayed the title role for two years.

His first real starring vehicle was as Abijah Booz in "The Yankee Consul" in which he toured the country after a prolonged run in the Broadway theatre, New York. One of his most outstanding successes was scored in "Hitchy Koo," which was produced at the Colman and Harris theatre in New York in 1917. This show was taken on an extensive tour of America and later returned to New York for re-engagement, owing to its success.

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## ROAD PLAN OF COUNTY IS OUTLINED

### Lake Creek, Dead Indian and Diamond Lake Projects to Be Continued—Oil Use Will Be Demonstrated On Heavily Burdened Routes—Special Levies Are Voted.

Major road projects in Jackson county the coming year, according to tentative plans under consideration by the county engineer's office and the county court, are continuation of the present work on the Lake Creek market road and the Dead Indian road, co-operation with the federal bureau of public roads, in the survey of the Diamond Lake road recently declared a forest highway, and opening steps in a campaign for oiled roads in the county.

Approximately \$80,000 will be expended of the market road fund on the Lake Creek market road and dead Indian road. Both tap the Lake of the Woods country, which aside from its recreational value, has timber, stock and agricultural wealth. The roads will be open to travel the coming year but will not be completed to market road standards for a couple of years.

**\$500 for Survey**  
The county budget calls for \$5,000 for the Diamond Lake road survey via the Meadows, and following Rogue river, thus eliminating the hills and steep climbs of the present route. The forestry service has a preliminary survey and this will probably be used as a basis. The announcement that the government was anxious to co-operate with states and counties in public improvements the coming year means that no difficulty will be experienced in inducing federal departments to co-operate. Only about five miles of the proposed road is in Jackson county. Douglas county is expected to co-operate in the project.

An appropriation of \$10,000 for a road oiler is contained in the 1930 budget, and its use the coming year will be largely educational, in impressing upon taxpayers the desirability and feasibility of oiling. It is tentatively proposed to resurface and oil four miles of the Jacksonville-Ruch highway between the pavements for the first oiling.

**Heavy Traffic**  
Over this stretch of road there is a heavy summer travel to the Applegate recreational spots, and in the past it has been notorious for its dust and ruts. It is estimated that every autoist in the county makes at least one trip during the summer over this road, and the oiling would give the majority a chance to test out road oiling for themselves.

County Engineer Rynning estimates that it will cost from \$500 to \$800 per mile to oil a road with heavy oil, instead of a mere dust paraffine. It is also expected that in 1931 some of the road districts, once acquainted with the merits of oiling, will vote special levies for this purpose. Oiling, it is claimed, also minimizes the wear and tear of heavy truck travel, and is a boon to housewives in keeping down the dust. No fund is provided this year for oiling, as the machinery purchase was a heavy drain.

**Grange Has Program**  
Special road levies in the Eagle Point district will provide \$500, which will be used on different roads in that section, in accordance with a road program worked out by the granges. The work is largely graveling and will form a network of feeder roads connecting with the main highways. This road levy is 4 or 5 mills.

A 4-mill special road levy has been voted by the Rogue River district, furnishing \$7500 for improvement of roads in the Evans Creek and Pleasant Creek sections.

The Prospect district has voted an 8.5 mill special road levy, which will furnish \$20,000 for improvements to the Red Bluff, Earl Ulrich and Elk Creek loop roads. The latter road taps the Persist country and eventually will connect with the Earl Ulrich road, which connects with Crater Lake highway, opening up new farming and hunting territory.

The Butte Falls district has voted a road fund of \$15,000. This will be used in continuation of work on the Prospect-Butte Falls road, the R. Conley road, and the Fish Lake and Four-Mile Lake roads. When completed the route from Lake of the Woods to the Crater Lake highway will be shortened and new recreational areas will be opened.

**To Hold Meetings**  
Special road levy meetings will be held this week in the Lake Creek and Oak Grove districts. The county, in special levies, supported by the granges, is

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## Warren Dies



Associated Press Photo  
Francis E. Warren.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—(AP)—Death has taken Senator Francis E. Warren of Wyoming, a veteran of the rugged, pioneering days of the west, who came to Washington to serve longer in the United States senate than any man in history.

With his wife, his son Fred, and his son-in-law, General John J. Pershing, at his bedside, the elderly legislator died yesterday morning from an attack of pneumonia and bronchitis. He was 85 years of age.

The senate will honor the man who was one of its members continuously for 35 years with a state funeral tomorrow in the senate chamber and afterward delegations from both houses of congress will escort the body to Wyoming where it will be interred.

Death came after an illness of three weeks.

## SHOUP WILL TAKE STAND AT HEARING

### Southern Pacific President Expected to Outline Steps Company Willing to Take Obviate Necessity Keddie-Klamath Link—Line Not Important As Water.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 25.—(AP)—Cross-examination of Southern Pacific expert witnesses consumed the early hours of the Interstate Commerce commission hearing in the Great Northern - Western Pacific railroad case here today.

It appeared likely that President Paul Shoup of the Southern Pacific might go on the stand this afternoon. He is expected to be the "big gun" of the forces opposing the plan to build a line from Klamath Falls, Ore., to Keddie, Cal.

Shoup is expected to outline steps the Southern Pacific is willing to take to make unnecessary the spending of millions of dollars to provide a rail link between the Western Pacific and the Great Northern systems.

Max Thelen, one of the intervenors' attorneys, sought to undermine testimony of Dr. George Barr, Southern Pacific agricultural expert, this morning. The doctor obtained his degree last year, Thelen learned. He also found that Dr. Barr had never farmed in California or the region traversed by the proposed line and consequently testified about this territory without a practical working knowledge of its productive capacity.

**Change Seen**  
He drew from the doctor admissions that several transportation factors which would be changed by the coming of the new line had been left out of his computations as to whether the Big valley and Fall River valley might be made more productive.

Development of the San Joaquin valley was due entirely to irrigation and not to railroad competition, J. J. Douell testified. Douell, a resident of Kern county, is manager of the public utilities section of the California farm bureau federation.

He declared that farmers of California have not suffered from lack of transportation through the northwest. Points like Watsonville and Salinas, where there is no competition, are as well served as Hackfeld, Modesto and Fresno, where there is competition, he testified. He added that he has known of cases where competition has been harmful, resulting in the discontinuance or cutting down of service.

Arab Fascists in Damascus.

## TORTURERS OF BRIDAL PAIR HELD

### Five Men Accused of Burning Youth and Attacking Fiancee Eight Months Ago—Arrested in Arkansas—Girl Tells Story of Attack and Torture On Way to Wedding.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Ark., Nov. 25.—(AP)—Accused of torturing and burning alive a youth and attacking his 16-year-old fiancee as they were on their way to be married, five men were held in widely scattered jails today for crimes which authorities said were committed eight months ago.

Charges arising from the killing of Connie Franklin, 20, a farm hand, in the St. James community, 14 miles east of here, last March came to light yesterday with the arrest of the men, who previously had been indicted.

Those taken into custody were: Herman Greenway, 28; Alx Folke, 26; Dill C. Younger, 24; Hubert Hester, 23, and Joe White, 20. Greenway, who is married, and Hester, are charged with attacking the girl.

The girl told authorities she and Franklin were on their way to a justice of the peace to be married when they were seized by five men, who beat and tortured Franklin until he fainted from pain. The men, evidently thinking the youth dead, built a fire of logs and placed the body on it. Failing to destroy the body entirely they picked up the remains in a sack and started toward the nearby White river.

## EVAN REAMES TO PROSECUTE THOS. MANNIX

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 25.—(AP)—At the suggestion of Judge George F. Skiphorn of Eugene, presiding referee of the board of referees that will hear the disbarment cases involving George Joseph and Thomas Mannix of Portland, the two accused attorneys will be prosecuted by different groups of attorneys representing the state.

This will meet the protest filed by Joseph against the supreme court's appointment of W. Lair Thompson as one of the prosecutors to serve against Mannix. Chief Justice Coshaw said today that Arthur Clark of Corvallis, Evan A. Reames of Medford and Arthur K. McManhan of Albany had been appointed prosecutors in the Mannix case.

The court previously appointed W. Lair Thompson of Portland, Oscar Hayter of Dallas and John J. Carson of Salem to prosecute both cases. Then came Joseph's protest against Thompson.

Thompson, Hayter and Carson will prosecute Joseph. The appointment of the second group means that the two cases will be heard separately, Chief Justice Coshaw said. The case that is prepared first will be heard first. It is believed this will be the Joseph case. The hearing will begin December 9 and the second case will follow immediately the conclusion of the first.

## Will Rogers Says:

CALEICO, Cal., Nov. 25.  
—Just seen the biggest cotton farm in the world, and it's in Mexico. A poor negro and a poor mule and a debt was about all I had ever seen on cotton land before, yet here is 110,000 acres in one piece. That's enough acres if it was in our cotton states at home to impoverish and keep poor 20,000 families. Glad to visit Mexico again, but most of my old cronies guessed wrong during the last revolution and I am having a little trouble locating them. Yours,  
WILL ROGERS.

