

Forecast: Unsettled and probably rain tonight and Tuesday. Moderate temperature.

Daily—Twenty-fourth Year. Weekly—Fifty-eighth Year.

Table with weather statistics: Highest yesterday 42, Lowest this morning 36, Precipitation: To 5 p. m. yesterday .00, To 5 a. m. this morning .7.

Today

By Arthur Brisbane

Prosperity for Railroads. Justice a Little Muddy. Stalin, Man of Iron. Hanged Then, Saint Now.

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The Interstate Commerce Commission, all powerful in control of railroads, on which national prosperity depends, plans 21 railroad systems, to cover the whole country.

There ought to be just one railroad system, managed by the ablest railroad men, highly paid and owned by the nation, with original private owners fully and generously paid for their property.

However, it is agreed by all in authority, including the government, that our government is neither honest nor able to manage our railroads.

The Canadian government does it, with admirable success, but Canada's government, presumably, is abler and more honest than ours.

The next best thing is railroad combinations, as big as possible, to reduce overhead and other waste.

With government practically guaranteeing profits, by authorizing whatever charges may be necessary, the railroads, with cost of management reduced, should thrive amazingly.

Some of them will be financially profitable. But select your stock wisely.

The San Francisco Call-Bulletin says the murder of William Desmond Taylor, moving picture director, was known to a former governor of California, Friend Richardson.

An actress did the killing, but for good reasons, whatever they may have been, there was no inclination to indict, and it is too late to prove anything now.

Murder is not dangerous in America, except for those that are murdered.

New York's police commissioner accuses a judge of consorting with notorious criminals, murderers included. A group of these gentlemen, including a number that he had indignantly discharged when they were accused of various crimes before him, were present at a complimentary banquet given to the judge.

The banquet was interrupted by other criminals that held up the judge and his guests, robbed.

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Abraham Lincoln



A safety deposit box is never absolutely safe so long as the key is in the pocket of the owner. What's worse is that a key can be made in an hour out for weeks and then have it end in an acquittal.

PATTERSON'S FUNERAL AT 2:15 TODAY

Full Military Honors at Grave for Late Governor—Friends File Past Bier in Hall of Representatives As Body Lies in State—Officers of Guard On Duty

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 23.—(AP)—A new governor, A. W. Norblad, 48-year-old lawyer of Astoria, Ore., and former president of the state senate, was at the helm of Oregon's ship of state today and flags were at half-mast in honor of the late Governor H. L. Patterson, who died suddenly Saturday night at his country home near Eola, Ore., of pneumonia.

Affairs of state stood still today while persons from every walk of life filed through the hall of representatives in Salem, Ore., state capital, where the body of the 79-year-old man who went from a log cabin in Benton county, Oregon, to the state's highest office, lay.

Acting on the certainty it would be his wish, members of the Patterson family announced last night that funeral services for the man who was known to thousands as "Ike," would be conducted at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon, members of the family said they were positive the late chief executive would have desired early arrangements, because of the nearness of Christmas.

Lies in State. In state, in fitting tribute to the man whose greatest piece of advice was "Do more than for which you are paid," the body lay with officers of the National Guard posted in military fashion about the bier.

The Rev. Fred C. Taylor, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, of which Governor Patterson was a member, prepared to say the funeral sermon.

A battalion of infantry donned khaki to escort the body from the state house to Mount Abbey mausoleum and the 186th infantry band of Portland was to play the funeral dirge.

Full military honors were to be accorded the former chief executive at the grave, and a firing squad was to salute him with three volleys after a bugler sounded taps.

Condolences Received. Hundreds more messages of condolence poured into the state house and the Patterson home today from nationally prominent officials, state officials, members of the Oregon delegation in congress, friends, and even those who although they never knew Governor Patterson personally, sent telegrams praising the governor's integrity and state administration.

Governor Patterson's life story reads similar to those of other men who have gained reputations through fair dealing and wise decisions while conducting the affairs of a commonwealth. He was born September 17, 1859, in a little log cabin in King's valley, Benton county, Oregon, the same year Oregon attained statehood. He was the offspring of pioneers, his father having come to Oregon from Belleville, Ill., and his mother, Caroline Tatom, from Missouri.

When Isaac Lee Patterson, the eldest son of a family of 19, was 16 years old, his parents moved to Polk county, where they resided until the youth who became governor was 19. He attended Christian college, later the State Normal school.

Was Grocery Clerk. Governor Patterson then went to Salem and obtained a job in the grocery store owned by McCully & Gilbert. He worked for his board for several months and as his savings grew more valuable, the grocery firm allowed him the monthly

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JAPANESE NAVAL DELEGATES CALL AT WHITE HOUSE



Japanese delegates to the London naval conference at the White House to pay their respects to President Hoover after their arrival in Washington. They will confer with President Hoover, Henry L. Stimson, secretary of state, and other American officials preliminary to the opening of the London conference next month.

COURT ADOPTS COUNTY BUDGET WITHOUT KICK

Estimated Outlay of \$558,414.91 for Jackson County During 1930 Is Termed 'Common Sense' List By Judge Sparrow.

The 1930 budget for Jackson county, calling for estimated total levy of \$558,414.91 for county operation, was formally adopted this morning, following a public hearing at which there were no protests.

The preparation and adopting of the budget was accomplished this year without any legal snarls, and according to County Judge Alex Sparrow, is "a good, common-sense budget, strictly within the law at every crook and turn, and nothing anybody can kick about."

It provides for expansion of various county projects without extravagance. No salary raises for county employees are listed, but appropriations are made for new equipment in offices to speed up the work.

Twenty-four thousand five hundred dollars is voted for the purchase of machinery for road building, which will be given a test during the coming year on the local highways and byways; \$12,500 is set aside for the removal of the county machine shops at Jacksonville to a more central location near this city. No site, as yet, has been selected, or date fixed for the moving, which will probably be before the 1930 road operations are started.

KEYES SCOUTS TAYLOR STORY OF RICHARDSON

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 23.—(AP)—The purported statement of former Governor Friend W. Richardson that he has positive proof of the solution of the murder

seven years ago of William Desmond Taylor, film director, today was scolded by Ann Keyes, former district attorney, convicted of bribery in connection with the Julian petroleum debacle.

Keyes, from his cot in the county jail hospital, where he is recovering from an operation, characterized Richardson's charges that "Ann Keyes had blocked the prosecution of Taylor's slayer," as a "liberal broadside, and referred to his statement that "Richardson is shaking the horns of Taylor for political purposes."

Why doesn't he produce his evidence now? Keyes asked. "Why has he remained silent and waited more than three years to reveal that he had positive proof of the guilty party?"

ASHLAND FATHER TO FACE CHARGE ABDUCTING CHILD

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Governor C. C. Young granted today a requisition for the extradition of Robert A. Wilson from Medford, Ore., to Los Angeles to face charges of taking his minor daughter, Lillian, and an unpaid for automobile out of California illegally. The documents filed here stated that Mrs. Hilda S. Wilson, was granted permanent legal possession of the child last August, but that her divorced husband took the girl to Oregon.

Wilson was arrested about a week ago in Ashland on telegraphic warrant from Los Angeles, according to Sheriff Jennings of Jackson county, and has since been at liberty on bail, awaiting receipt of extradition.

The mother, father and daughter are at present located in Ashland, and according to the sheriff, both parents claim to have court orders giving custody of the child.

SEARCH OF HOME FOR RUM AN EVIL

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 23.—(AP)—An individual opinion on the evils of law enforcement today was expressed by Federal Judge Paul J. McCormick, who yesterday returned to his home here after four months in the east as a member of President Hoover's national commission of law enforcement and observance.

Declaring the solution of prohibition law enforcement to be one of the major problems demanding immediate settlement, Judge McCormick characterized the invasion and search of private dwellings without warrant as one of the outstanding evils of present-day enforcement methods.

VANCE BREESE VISITED BY PERFUMED BURGLAR

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 23.—(AP)—A "Lady Raffles" visited the apartment of Vance Breesse, nationally known aviator, late last night, according to his report to the police.

Breesse said when he entered his apartment a strong odor of perfume greeted him and a watch and suit of clothes were missing.

FIRST LADY AIDS SANTA CLAUS IN EFFORT TO DISTRIBUTE GIFTS

By BESS FURMAN Associated Press Staff Writer WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The merry mixup that Santa Claus always makes proved too much today for helpful Mrs. Harbert Hoover.

She came through the carnal of Washington's biggest picture houses and saw, arranged in neat rows, by color and number cards, the wide-eyed, expectant children of Washington's non-stoop-prosperous class. They were the kind of children whose parents were not hit by the stock market crash, having no margin for even the insurance payments.

SNOW AND RAIN FOR COAST ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Weather Prediction Unfavorable for White Yule—Middle West Will Have Added Snowfall—East Coast Has Much Snow.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 23.—(AP) Santa Claus will have to outfit his sleigh with interchangeable sets of skids and wheels for his visit to the Pacific coast this year. Snow and rain will fall in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and probably in the extreme portions of California and Nevada, the United States weather bureau forecast here today.

Normal temperature, clear weather and gentle variable winds will prevail over all that portion of California south of San Francisco.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—(AP)—There is virtually no question about its being a white Christmas in the middle west this year. Early today it was getting whiter and whiter.

Railroads, bus lines, street car companies in many cities had hardly gotten their heads above snowdrifts resulting from last week's blizzard when the Chicago weather bureau warned of more snow. It began falling here late last night, sitting at first then heavily, but it was only of a few hours' duration.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Driven by a northeasterly wind, a heavy fall of snow enveloped New York and vicinity today.

Weather bureau officials forecast a white Christmas for the region.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Winter's icy grasp held the south today as a blanket of snow and ice, extending from Texas well into Virginia and the Carolinas and nearly to the gulf coast, caused thousands of dollars damage and made highway travel hazardous.

Two deaths from the cold were reported over the week end.

Hoover Gift From Oregon WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The Oregon congressional delegation has arranged to present President Hoover with a Christmas box of Oregon products and an enlarged colored picture of the Albatross home, near Newburg, Ore., where the chief executive spent a portion of his boyhood.

For almost nobody got the Christmas cheer that fitted his or her particular case. In a motherly manner, Mrs. Hoover added much to the gaiety of the Christmas party. And when she left, laughing, she said: "They mixed the bags up on me after all. They're straightening them out still."

NEGOTIATE SINO-RUSS PEACE PACT

Protocol Fixes Relationship of Soviet and Manchurian Governments—Railway Returns to Status Quo—Consular Agencies to Be Restored—Long Conflict Ended.

MOSCOW, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Moscov and Mukden have made their peace and have signed a protocol fixing future relationship between the Soviet Russian government and the Manchurian Chinese provincial government.

A foreign commissariat announcement said the Soviet plenipotentiary, M. Simonovsky, and Tsai Yun-shen, the Chinese representative of the Mukden provincial government, signed at Khabarovsk Siberia, a protocol which restores the status quo on the disputed Chinese Eastern railway and mutually immediately restores consular and commercial organizations in the two countries.

Formal resumption of relations will not be arranged until a further conference is held January 25, but meanwhile all troops will be withdrawn from the Russian and Manchurian borders, all persons arrested in connection with the railway dispute will be released, and White Guard Russians will be disarmed and deported by the Chinese.

The new Russian general manager of the railway and his assistant will leave soon for Harbin to assume their duties in connection with the joint operation of the railroad as outlined in the Peking-Mukden agreements of 1924.

The protocol, it appeared, ends a six-months chapter of violent conflict between China and Russia, growing out of Manchurian seizure of the Chinese Eastern railway, which traverses that province, last spring. The Russians, unable to regain the road to a mutual agreement scheme, went to the border, and recently completely routed the Chinese and took possession of western Manchuria.

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The testimony was regarded as a definite link in the evidence connecting Burke with the massacre of seven of George "Bugs" Moran's North Side gang in a Clark street garage last St. Valentine's day.

Burke was held last spring as one of the 17 wanted for questioning in connection with the case and was reported to have been identified by witnesses as one of the executioners seen entering the garage just before the slayings.

PENNEY DROPS IDEA OF ROEBUCK MERGER

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(AP)—E. C. Sams, president of the J. C. Penney company, which operates a nation-wide chain of 1400 retail dry goods and apparel stores, announced today that negotiations for a merger with Sears, Roebuck & Co. have been definitely terminated.

Meanest Driver Halts Auto Form of V Jam

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 23.—(AP)—A hit and run motorist, characterized as the "meanest yet," knocked down Jack Millan, 43, Portland, today, showed his machine on top of his victim, jumped out and fled.

Physicians said Millan was not injured seriously and police said they obtained the license number of the automobile.

KAY ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR GOVERNORSHIP

Death of Lifelong Friend, Patterson, Removes Obligation, Is Announcement—Decision Result Many Impertunities.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Recovering rapidly and completely from an illness which attacked him while on a trip abroad last spring, and released by the death of Governor Patterson from the obligation he felt against opposing the political ambitions of a lifelong friend, Thos. B. Kay, state treasurer and long an active figure in the political life of the state, will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor at the May primary election, the Capital Journal announced following the funeral of Governor Patterson this afternoon.

"Mr. Kay's decision is made in answer to scores of telegrams and telephone calls from prominent people in all parts of the state that have been received by him since news of Governor Patterson's death was broadcast Saturday night," the Capital Journal was informed by close political friends of Mr. Kay.

At his home here the state treasurer would make no comment on the report, stating that out of respect for the memory of Governor Patterson he did not feel that it was the time to discuss politics involving that office.

BULLETS LINK GANGSTER AND MORAN CRIME

Fred Burke Undoubtedly in Possession of Guns Used in St. Valentine's Day Massacre, Declares Ballistics Expert.

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LEGG NOT TO APPEAR BEFORE LOBBY PROBE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Chairman Caraway of the senate lobby committee said today that Alexander Legge, chairman of the federal farm board, would not be called before the lobby committee to explain certain policies of the farm board.

MOTHER IS WITNESS OF OATH RITE

Norblad at Home of Invalid Parent for Simple Ceremony—Senator Moser Reads Words Which Induct New Oregon Executive to Office—Mother Inspiration.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 23.—(AP)—A modest Portland home became the seat of government of the state of Oregon yesterday and before an audience which included his elderly invalid mother, Senator A. W. Norblad, 48 year old lawyer of Astoria, Ore., became Oregon's new governor as he raised his right hand and took the oath of office from Senator Gus Moser, a notary public.

There were no dignified solons, no marble halls of the state house, no pageants and no festive inaugural events to welcome the new governor who became the chief executive of the state through an amended clause in the state constitution which provides for the carrying on of the affairs of the office.

Simplicity made the proceeding the more dramatic in a room in the home of D. N. Reger, a brother-in-law of the new governor. Half kneeling by the side of Mrs. Bessie Norblad, 77, his mother, Governor Norblad repeated the oath after Senator Moser:

Repeat Oath. "I do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of Oregon, and that I will honestly discharge the duties of the office of governor of the state of Oregon to the best of my ability, so help me God."

A moment of silence followed the repetition of the oath and Governor Norblad's wife, son and daughter and others realized he had been dedicated to the service of Oregon.

The new governor knelt by the chair of his mother and whispered: "Mother, when I started to law school . . . you told me I could do anything the other fellows could . . . you have been my inspiration."

Family Congratulates. There was a burst of sentiment as Governor Norblad kissed Mrs. Norblad—the new first lady of Oregon—and received the congratulations of Mr. and Mrs. Reger, Senator Moser, his mother, Albin Walter Norblad, 21, a student at the University of Oregon, his son and daughter, Eleanor Lyle Norblad, 15, a sophomore in an Astoria high school.

Qualifying his statement that there was no disrespect because he had accused the possibility before hand the new executive announced he would be in the field for election at the next campaign. He said that had Governor Patterson entered the gubernatorial race at the next election he was to withdraw.

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Will Rogers Says: BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 23.—Nations starting for the big London disarmament conference to disarm themselves of the things they figure won't be used in the next war, which will leave them more money to develop the things they will use. It's an economic more than a humanitarian affair. It's like holding a traffic conference and just discussing the limiting of horses and buggies. I wonder if we ever will get so civilized that one will be held to limit submarines, aeroplanes and chemicals. You can't say civilization don't advance, however, for in every way they kill you in a new way. Yours, WILL ROGERS.



P. S. Those heathen neighbors of ours in the south gave us a fine lesson in generosity. The Mexican government sent ten thousand to the orphaned of the Oklahoma mine disaster.