

The Weather

Forecast: Tonight and Wednesday fair with morning valley fog. Normal temperature.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Temperature

Highest yesterday 46
Lowest this morning 27
To 5 p. m. yesterday 42
To 5 a. m. this morning T.

Twenty-two pages

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Today

By Arthur Brisbane
What Business, Mr. Edison?
The Wonderful Automobile.
Civil War? Ida Tarbell.
Crime and Bootlegging.

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Thomas A. Edison tells President Hoover through the Illinois Manufacturing News...

That depends on the kind of business, also on the honesty and efficiency of government.

Mr. Edison wouldn't have the government abandon the postoffice and turn it over to Wall Street promoters.

The postoffice is a business. It carries a letter from the southern tip of Florida to the northern tip of Alaska for two cents.

And carries it safely.

New York explodes gasoline in a big way. In the first six months of 1929, the state taxed 774,701,746 gallons of gasoline...

It would have taken 968 freight trains of 80 cars each to carry that gasoline. Who would have believed that when Senator Couzens was investing less than \$2000 in the little Ford car...

A coast guard ship chasing a rum running boat killed three of the four men on board, wounded the fourth. Other rum running killings, here and there, in the day's news.

Rear Admiral Ballard warns bootleggers that his coast guard means business. No "soft words" will be used. Rum runners are told they will stop, when ordered, or "get hurt."

Ida M. Tarbell deplors prohibition and asks "Is prohibition forcing civil war?"

Before the Civil War there was an "anti and pro-slavery party."

Miss Tarbell sees now a wet and a dry party and repeats the question that Karl Schurz asked five years before Fort Sumter was fired on.

The Moderation League, perhaps prejudiced, says intoxication is increasing rapidly.

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After Explorer Byrd gets back from the south pole the senate lobby committee might get him to fly over the sugar gang ramifications...

72 CHILDREN PERISH IN FIRE PANIC

PLAYHOUSE IS SCENE OF HOLOCAUST

Youngsters Suffocated and Trampled in Mad Rush for Exits When Blaze Starts in Projection Room Scotch Theater—Bodies Piled Six Deep at Foot of Stairs.

PAISLEY, Scotland, Dec. 31.—(AP) By nightfall the death list in the motion picture theater here sending the crowded house in a wild panic as they fought for the exits.

At least 69 persons, most of them children, between the ages of panic started by a fire which broke out in a motion picture theater here sending the crowded house in a wild panic as they fought for the exits.

Most of the victims were children who were suffocated or trampled to death in the mad rush to safety and many died at the foot of two main staircases leading from a balcony where the bodies were piled six deep.

The fire started in the projection room but caused comparatively little damage. The horrifying death list being due for the most part to carbon monoxide gas and the panicky rush of the children from the balcony to the main floor.

MOTHER SLAIN AS BURGLAR BY STORE KEEPER

Family Party Bent On Pillaging Grocery Fired Upon—Woman Masquerading As Man Accompanied Husband and Two Sons.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Masquerading as a man and accompanied by her husband and two of her six children on an early morning burglary, Mrs. Winifred Shields, 35, was fatally shot today as she fled from a store they had entered.

Ernest Stott, store keeper in the Sumnerville section who had been sleeping in the rear of his establishment since a recent burglary, was aroused by the ring of the cash register bell. He saw two "men" and two boys fleeing from the front entrance.

Her husband, James, Sr., 45, and two of her sons, James, Jr., 17, and John, 16, returned when the woman fell and were arrested by deputy sheriffs.

Mrs. Shields, who had four other children, the youngest five months old, was dressed in men's clothes and wore soft-soled shoes.

The family lived in a well-furnished home in Washington avenue, Sumnerville. Stott told police that he had suspected the family of the previous burglary, as on a visit to collect a bill he saw articles from his stock that had not been purchased by the Shields.

A sack, filled with groceries and candles, was left behind by the thief when they fled.

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Bishop James M. Cannon of Virginia (with hand on hip) engaged in a lively set-to with newspaper photographers in Los Angeles outside a side justice court in which his son and daughter-in-law were contesting charges of unsanitary conditions and non-payment of laborers at their military academy.

SCENTED FIEND TOUGH LADS OF IS IDENTIFIED NEW YORK DIVE BY GIRL VICTIMS RESENT HOLDUP

Long List of Crimes Laid at Door of Seattle Suspect—'Perfumed Thug' Picked From Group of Prisoners By Girls.

SEATTLE, Dec. 31.—(AP) A twelve-year old Everett girl and two Tacoma girls have been added to the list of four Seattle girls who have identified Floyd Fathers, 25, accused by authorities of being the "perfumed thug" who terrorized this region for a period of months, as the man who attacked them in their bedrooms at night.

Bernice Solie said Fathers was frightened from her bedroom when her brothers arrived home one night last summer and threatened to kill her and her brothers if she ever told of his visit. She said the same man compelled her to take a ride with him later.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—William E. Lee of Idaho is under serious consideration by President Hoover as a member of the interstate commerce commission to succeed Johnston B. Campbell, whose resignation is effective January 6.

Three Day Week for Workers May Be Realized Thru Science

By Howard W. Blakeslee, Science Editor. (Associated Press Feature Service.) DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 31.—(AP) A three-day week for machine workers through use of artificial light is suggested by the American Association for the Advancement of Science as an industrial development of the future.

GOTHAM TO GREET 1930 WITH NOISE

Boisterous Welcome Predicted By Big Town Caterers—Whalen Announces Lid Will Fall at 3 A. M.—Cover Charge No Bar to Many Reservations for Night Clubs.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—(AP) Predicting a noisier, more boisterous welcome for 1930 than has been enjoyed by any of its recent predecessors, hotel and restaurant managements today prepared to entertain thousands of New Year's Eve celebrants.

Police Commissioner Grover A. Whalen announced that the curfew will be dropped until 3 a. m. Wednesday. Hotels, which are immune from curfew restrictions advertised "dancing until dawn," cover charges will run as high as \$20 a person.

Capacity Crowds The management of the Hotel Ambassador announced that the capacity of its three large dining rooms would be taxed with reservations for more than 1000.

Special New Year's Eve radio programs will include a series of concerts by dance bands playing from New York, Chicago, Denver, San Francisco and Sydney, Australia.

Watch services will be held in scores of churches throughout the city with many offering special music.

JOHNSON GIVES MORE DETAILS TORTURE CASE

Third Confession Given Last Night Says Trio Intoxicated When Local Junk Dealer Subjected to Pain and Threats.

A. E. Johnson of Jacksonville, arrested with Jack Donaghue, alias Jack Donovan, and wife, charged with attempted kidnap of local cafe, and torturing of Pat Bohan, second-hand dealer, to compel him to reveal the hiding place of his money, last night made his third confession in as many days, the sheriff says.

In his latest version of the escapades of the trio, Johnson avers, all were more or less intoxicated at Bohan's place. He alleges that the Donaghués plied Bohan with liquor until he was helpless and then beat him to make him divulge the cache of his purported wealth.

NO PAPER TOMORROW

In accordance with long established custom, there will be no issue of the Mail-Tribune tomorrow (New Year's day).

HOOVER LAW ENFORCEMENT HIT



The opposition of a group of dry senators to the way the Hoover law enforcement commission is working crystallized into a demand by Senator William J. Harris (left), democrat, Georgia, for the removal from that agency of Paul J. McCormick, a federal judge.

ANOTHER GOOD YEAR IN OFFING AWARDED FIRST FOR CITY—PIPES LIGHTING PRIZE

Medford Enjoyed Steady Progress in Past Year—1930 Should Be Equally Good Says Mayor—Officials in Harmony.

The past year has dealt with Medford kindly, has witnessed another 12 months of steady progress, and in the view of Mayor A. W. Pipes, 1930 should be equally as good.

"As I view it," he said, "I can see no reason why this city shall not have another prosperous year in 1930. The past year has given Medford a steady, consistent growth, indicative of further progress. As far as the city administration is concerned, it has been wholly harmonious and through that harmony much good has been accomplished."

"In addition to the industrial and commercial development," the mayor continued, "1929 has noted progress in the moral phases of the city. Every movement undertaken has been well supported by members of the council and city officials. There has been no trouble and I am convinced I am working with a wonderful group of men."

Members of the city council are as follows: A. W. Pipes, mayor; M. L. Alford, recorder; H. J. Berrigan, treasurer; J. Frank Farrell, city attorney; J. W. Scheffel, city superintendent; H. E. Rineharger, city inspector; Roy Elliott, fire chief; Cletous McCredie, chief of police; Glenn O. Taylor, city judge; Dr. L. D. Inskeep, health officer; F. M. Corlies, marketmaster; W. C. Wilson, park caretaker; John Coffeen, plumbing inspector.

BULLS DEFIANT AS YEAR ENDS FOR WALL ST.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—(AP) The final stock market session of the year today found the bulls making a grand gesture of defiance after their reverses of the past two months by marking up scores of issues two to twenty points.

Cash sales for the purpose of establishing income tax losses were in unusually heavy volume, estimates of the number of such transactions ranging from one-fifth to one-third of the day's total trading.

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OFFICIALS OF MULLIN ARE SENTENCED

Sheriff Given Two Years and \$1000 Fine As Arch-Conspirator Alleged Rum Rebellion—Mayor, Chief of Police and Minor Officials Also Draw Heavy Penalties.

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Federal Judge J. Stanley Webster today sentenced the 24 persons convicted of conspiracy in the "Mullin rum rebellion case."

Sheriff R. E. Weniger, so-called "arch-conspirator" was sentenced to serve two years and pay a fine of \$1000.

Deputy Sheriff Charles Bloom was sentenced to 15 months, with no fine. Other sentences included Mayor Arthur Harwood, 18 months and \$1000 fine.

The Mullin case involved the mayor and city councilmen of Coeur d'Alene, the sheriff of Shoshone county and his deputy and a number of men and women who admitted selling liquor.

The government charged that Mullin was "in open rebellion" against the prohibition laws and that the city council passed an ordinance licensing saloons, disorderly places and gambling halls.

Between one and two score citizens of Wallace have also been indicted for conspiracy and this case will be tried in May.

U. S. Attorney H. E. Ray's crusade against rum resulted in charges against about 200 persons during the last few months.

Will Rogers Says: BEVERLY HILLS, Cal.

Dec. 31.—This is our last day of grace. Tomorrow we are obliged to read the usual New Year's prosperity appellation by our same prominent men who are always rich enough to see a great year coming up.

And to show you they don't know any more about it than Clara Bow, last year they had their usual hokum predictions, and in October we lost half as much as it cost to put on the war, and yet not a one of these predicted it.

So just for a change let's let every man do his own predicting according to his own conviction and viewpoint. The poor haven't many rights as it is, so let's at least let 'em predict, especially as that's all they are going to get.

We know that the New Year will look fairly rosy to Mr. Rockefeller, Schwab, Owen D. Young, Charlie Mitchell, Otto Kahn, Amos G. Carter, Dwight Morrow, K. n u t o Rockne, Andy Mellon, Bishop Cannon and Tex Guinan, but how is it going to look to just plain Joe Doakes? Yours, WILL ROGERS.