

Forecast: Tonight and Tuesday unsettled, probably rain; warmer tonight.

Temperature table with columns for Highest yesterday, Lowest this morning, Precipitation, To 5 p. m. yesterday, To 5 a. m. today.

Twenty-Fifth Year

Today

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Palaces for Uncle Sam. France Worries Italy. New Yorkers Live Longer. Bad Money, and Beer.

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The glorious and prosperous United States is spending \$1,500,000 of the public's money to buy a very fine palace in Berlin to be the home of the United States ambassador there.

Is that expenditure necessary? Is it democratic? Would it seem wise to the gentlemen that founded the country?

It is all very well to give men that contribute to campaign funds, or otherwise make themselves useful, a chance to meet kings and queens abroad, and hear themselves called "Your excellency."

But is it necessary to add a \$1,500,000 palace to the treat? Benjamin Franklin did very well in France, and also England, without any such palace.

Wouldn't it be better to spend that money on a few miles of good roads in the United States, thus creating a few jobs?

The building of five new fortresses on the island of Corsica alarms Italy, according to reports from Leghorn. The "Telegrafo" says that ships from France are unloading rifles, machine guns, munitions, armored cars, field telephones and cannon and "arming Corsica in a formidable manner."

The Italian, Napoleon Bonaparte, starting from Corsica to the military school in France, finally ruled the French, and conquered much of Europe. It would be strange if France returned by the Napoleon road to Italy through Corsica.

There is trouble in India also, troops again called out to stop riots. Hindus don't like cloth made in England. When a large truck loaded with such cloth appeared, the Hindus, who have ideas about fighting that are very un-English, lay down in front of the great truck to stop it. It killed one of them.

To win liberty with "fighting" of that kind will take a long time.

Health Commissioner Wynne of New York says the average New Yorker lives 15 years longer than he did in the last generation.

Preventing and curing diseases.

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Abe Martin



Frank Hawks is some annihilator of distance, but Father Time is smashing all records between Thanksgiving and Christmas. There's even a nice way to chew tobacco.

LARGE VOTE DESIRABLE ON SCHOOLS

Emphatic Majority for New Building Plan Tomorrow Will Mean Added Value for Bonds—Local Labor Will Benefit, Pledge.

Residents of Medford will go to the polls tomorrow afternoon to vote for the proposed \$265,000 bond issue and school building program which, since its recommendation by Superintendent E. H. Hedrick and the city school board, has met with approval which has only been equalled by provision for the Medford airport.

The polls at the Junior high school building will be open from 2 p. m. until 7 p. m. The ballot will carry the question of "Bonds—Yes" or "Bonds—No," and in addition the question of approval of the building program, which has been published several times by the local press and will be printed on the ballot tomorrow.

Must Be Taxpayer. To vote in the school election one must be 21 years of age, a resident of this school district for 30 days, and a taxpayer, as shown by the last assessment or the holder of shares of stock in any corporation or firm which is assessed in this district.

The building program to be voted on tomorrow has been endorsed by all Medford newspapers, the local banks, all service clubs of the city, the Chamber of Commerce, realty board, the California Oregon Power company, and all other important firms and leading taxpayers of the city.

No known opposition to the program has been reported. Assurance of the passage of the bond issue, however, lies in getting the voters to the polls. Supt. E. H. Hedrick stated this afternoon.

"No matter how meritorious the issue, no matter how favorable the looks, there is danger of it not passing unless all the voters go to the polls," he added, in issuing a call for all residents of Medford to remember tomorrow is election day.

Will Aid Bond Sale. "Another reason why a large vote is desirable is for the effect it will have on the sale of bonds. An issue of bonds passed by a big majority will aid the sale of the bonds."

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URGE INCREASE OF POWER FOR RADIO STATIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The family on the far away ranch, the miner, the rural housewife and the metropolitan listener would have equal radio reception advantages under recommendations made today to the radio commission.

In a report recommending that 20 of the 24 stations be permitted to increase their power to 50,000 watts, Ellis A. Yost, commission examiner, held "the rural and small town listener is entitled to receive better radio broadcasting than it is possible for the local and regional stations to provide. All are entitled under the law to radio broadcasting service, both of transmission and reception, equal to that provided the metropolitan listener."

Pomp Marks Marriage of Mafalda Capone, Sister of Chicago Gang Leader

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Wedding bells rang for Mafalda Capone, 18, sister of Alphonse Capone, and John J. Maritote yesterday, but whether the gang chief was close enough to hear them remained an unanswered question. There were unconfirmed rumors Capone, listed No. 1 in Chicago's roll of "public enemies," was among those present, well protected by guards. None, however, could be found who would admit having seen him. The wedding took place amid scenes of pomp in St. Mary's Catholic church in suburban Cicero, jammed with 4,000 persons, while another thousand or more stood outside in the snow and sleet to catch a glimpse of the activities. Five men carrying pistols, were arrested by uniformed detectives.

Firemen Scatter Before Barrage of Wild Bullets

ROCK SPRING, Wyo., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Firemen rushing to fight a blaze in a one-story frame structure were greeted by a barrage of shots. Spectators, too, were kept at bay by wild flying bullets. Nearly 4,000 rounds of ammunition were discharged in the melee that ensued. The fire was in a building occupied by C. H. Cox and his shooting gallery. Eleven ducks and 17 turkeys, which he was offering as prizes, added their shrill screams to the confusion.

TEN DROWN IN DISASTER OFF MIAMI

Excursionists Leap Into Sea When Flames Follow Blasts Aboard Glass Bottom Boat—Rescue Crews Save 125.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Dec. 15.—(AP)—An explosion and fire on board the excursion boat, Eureka, II, yesterday forced 135 persons to leap into the surging Atlantic. They had been observing through the craft's glass bottom, but valiant rescue work by both fishing boats and luxurious yachts brought 125 of them safely ashore.

Three bodies had been recovered and seven persons were unaccounted for today as the master of the vessel headed a salvage expedition into the marine gardens 15 miles south of here where the Eureka II hurried and sank in ten feet of water.

A scene of wild confusion, attended by shouts of women and children and the music of a three-piece orchestra, which tried courageously to stop the panic was sketched by survivors of the capacity crowd that jammed the two decks of the 105-foot boat. Smoke from the engine room, on the craft's return trip here, they said, first gave notice of the mishap and was followed by three explosions.

Two of the dead were identified by police as H. C. Grimm, 60, McCook, Neb., a passenger; Clarence Vane, 36, Haverhill, Mass., a deckhand. The body of a woman, between 50 and 60 years old, who wore a wedding ring, with the initials "W. V. L." had not been identified. Authorities also had information that among the missing were Frank J. Keefe, Providence, R. I.; J. S. Hale, Pomona, Calif.; and Harry Holler, Milwaukee, Wis.

Heroic Rescues. Heroic stories of the rapid rescue operations were numerous. Sighting the fire through binoculars, P. W. Miller, retired grocery executive of Cincinnati, abandoned a pleasure trip and brought 83 of the survivors ashore on his yacht, the Lois Ann. He related how his guests and crew "worked like troopers pulling men, women and children aboard."

Some estimated 20 to 25 children were passengers on the Eureka II. The crew of the yacht Dorothea, which picked up 30 persons, took a baby from the arms of a father who said "save my baby" when he learned the Dorothea could not care for additional survivors. A child was tossed to the deck of a fishing tug and brought here and reunited with its parents, rescued by another craft.

MARY PREPARES FOR CHRISTMAS



Beverly Hills, home of many film stars, is living up to its slogan, "one thousand decorated living Christmas trees." Mary Pickford, chairman of the trees committee, assisted by Betty Newling, decorated the first living tree as shown here.

COPCO INTENDS ELDERLY MATE TO BUILD LARGE SLAYS ASHLAND HYDRO STATION BEAUTY EXPERT

Budget of Standard Gas and Electric Co. Carries Funds for New 40,000 Kilowatt Plant.

John J. O'Brien, president of the Standard Gas & Electric Co., announced today that the company's construction budget for 1931 will total \$43,596,257.

The construction program included in this amount provides for a generating unit of 25,000 kilowatts at the plant of the Northern States Power Co. in Minneapolis, a hydro-electric station of 10,000 kilowatts capacity to be built for the California Oregon Power Co., and two transmission lines connecting the Minnesota Valley steam plant at Granite Falls, Minn., with other parts of the Northern States Power Co. system.

The new hydro-electric plant in the California Oregon Power Co. system will not be in service until 1932.

These are projects now in progress of construction at properties in the Standard system amounting to \$12,911,655 which will be completed during 1930, costs for which are included in the total budget figure of \$43,596,257.

Information as to location of the new Copen hydro-electric plant is withheld until completion of individual budgets, it was stated.

WOODMEN RATES CHANGE ILLEGAL

DENVER, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The state supreme court ruled today that certain changes made in the constitution of the Woodmen of the World with headquarters in Denver, intended to change insurance rates, were not legally adopted.

"The decree of the district court in effect, left the Woodmen of the World and its membership in the same condition and with the same rights and duties as through amendment had been attempted," said the court's decision in affirming the judgment of the Denver district court.

MAJOR FRANCO IN PORTUGUESE JAIL

LISBON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Major Ramon Franco, noted Spanish aviator who was one of the leaders in the revolt of aerial forces at Madrid today, landed tonight at Aveiro, northwest and surrendered to Lieutenant Brito Pais of the Portuguese air force, after attempting to flee.

Late this afternoon three more planes were sighted from the frontier, one landed at Amaduz and two officers whose names were not given were taken into custody. Guards were placed over the machines.

The second machine crashed at Moita, but it was not known if the occupants were injured. Police proceeded to the spot.

JACKSON IS 3RD COUNTY IN GROWTH

Census Report Shows Gain of 61.3 Per Cent—Klamath and Lincoln Lead—Ten Counties Show Decrease—State Gains.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Oregon is nearing the million mark in population.

As shown by the 1930 census, the total population of the state is 953,768. This represents a gain of 179,397, or 21.8 per cent, over 1920. The largest city, of course, is Portland with 291,815 inhabitants, practically one-third of the entire population of the state. The smallest city is Bourne in Baker county, with but one inhabitant.

The census report includes the following statements and observations: In every census period the population has shown a rate of increase greater than that of the United States as a whole.

Total land area of Oregon is 95,697 square miles. Average 10 to Mile. Average number of inhabitants per square mile in 1930 was 10.

Multnomah county, smallest in the state in area, has the largest population with 238,241, with density of 779.4 per square mile.

Largest county in area, Harney, comprising 9933 square miles, has the smallest population density, with less than one person to the square mile.

Of 36 counties, 26 increased and 10 decreased in population between 1920 and 1930.

Klamath was the most rapidly growing county in the state with increase of 183.9 per cent. Lincoln was second with 62.8 per cent; Jackson was third with gain of 61.3 per cent.

Jefferson decreased. Jefferson county shows decrease of 28.7 per cent, and Sherman a loss of 22.2 per cent.

Portland is the largest city in the state with 291,815, an increase of 43,527, or 16.9 per cent. Salem, the capital city, is second with a population of 26,626, gain of 8,587, or 48.6 per cent. Eugene is third with 18,991, increase of 8308, or 78.1 per cent.

Klamath Falls shows the highest rate of increase or any city in Oregon with population of 16,292 for a gain of 235.2 per cent in the past decade.

Married a Month. Friends said the promise of Dr. Magoon to place her two daughters, Jean and Patricia, in a private school in England persuaded her to make the long trip to Africa to wed her former suitor. They were married about a month ago and acquaintances here had not learned of any rift between the two. They said Dr. Magoon was much older than his wife. They were unable to explain, however, why the children were not placed in a London school. They lived with their mother in Rhodesia.

Mrs. Magoon is survived by her ex-husband, her mother and a sister, all reported living in Los Angeles.

SIX MILLIONS BY TAX ON AUTO GAS

SALIEM, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—That taxes collected on motor vehicle fuels during 1930 will run well over \$6,000,000 is indicated in a report for the first 10 months of the year, says Secretary of State Ross. For the period from January 1 to October 31 \$5,892,360.78 was collected, of which \$5,664,485.50 goes to the state highway fund. The 10 months' receipts were in excess of those for the full year of 1929 by over \$1,200,000.

POINCARÉ'S CONDITION IS CONSIDERED GRAVE

PARIS, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Dr. Louis Boidin, who had visited Raymond Poincaré at six p. m. was hastily summoned back and again arrived at the home of the former president shortly after 9 o'clock. He refused to make an statement.

His presence was interpreted as indicating that Poincaré's condition had grown worse.

Oregon Weather. Unsettled tonight and Tuesday, probably rain in the west portion and showers in the mountains; warmer in the west portion tonight. Fresh south, becoming west winds on the coast.

Farm Medal



Mrs. Ellsworth Richardson of Albia, Iowa, is the first woman to receive the distinguished service medal from the American Farm Bureau federation.

SOLONS PUT DAMPER ON JOB RELIEF

Tentative Agreement by Senate and House Conferees to Speed Huge Work Fund, Meets Opposition From Sen. Dill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The first of the government's annual supply measures—the treasury's postoffice appropriation bill—was passed today by the senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The house today rejected a move to suspend the rules and pass the \$30,000,000 administration drought relief program.

The vote was 205 to 159. It requires a two-thirds majority of those voting to suspend the rules.

By Francis M. Stephenson. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—In the face of a plea from Senator Borah of "For God's sake let's get something done to feed the people who are hungry," the senate today set aside the tentative agreement of the senate and house conferees on the emergency \$116,000,000 employment appropriation.

Some democrats had bolted the leadership of Senator Robinson, to demand that the senate insist upon Robinson's amendment taking away the power of President Hoover to spend the fund as he saw fit in an emergency.

Robinson Agrees. The tentative agreement of the senate and house conferees, reached at an informal meeting Saturday before their appointment, provided for the elimination of the Robinson amendment. He today told the senate he did not feel justified in insisting upon the amendment at the expense of delay in getting the appropriation to workers. But Senator Dill promptly moved to instruct the senate conferees to insist upon the Robinson amendment.

After a long wrangle, Chairman Jones, of the appropriations committee, promised not to agree to the informal report on the emergency bill drafted Saturday without again bringing the senate amendments to the senate. The storm subsided.

HERMISTON GIRL DIES WHEN AUTO TURTLES

PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Ernestine Jackson, 14, of Hermiston, was killed last night when an automobile driven by Walter Norquist was overturned 10 miles west of here. The girl, a passenger, was crushed. Four others in the machine escaped serious injury.

Children Burn To Death In Home While Father Is Serving Bootleg Penalty

BEND, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Stark, bleak tragedy hovered on dark wings over ashes of a Bend home today.

Benevolence 1 year old, and Estel, 2, children of Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Meland, burned to death when their home was destroyed by fire.

The father was in jail in Portland on liquor charges. The mother, after tucking the children in bed, was visiting friends next door. Flames shot from the building. Firemen fought their way to the bedroom. The children had died in their sleep, physicians said.

BLAST AND FIRE ROUTS FILM STARS

Eighteen Fine Homes in Fashionable Malibu Beach Colony Lost When Blaze Follows Mysterious Explosion at Early Hour.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Fashionable Malibu Beach, Arcadia of film stars and wealthy business and professional folk, was shaken by a mysterious blast and ravaged by fire early this morning, and 18 residences, as well as many expensive automobiles destroyed.

In the ravaging flames that swept from one end of the stylish colony to the other, creating an ashly havoc with damage estimated at more than \$300,000, the homes of many leading film stars and other Hollywood celebrities were reduced to tinder and the stars themselves, with a long list of week-end guests, driven into the biting morning cold.

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NACKER TRIAL GOES TO JURY TODAY BELIEF

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—The trial of Laverne Carter, real estate man, on first degree murder charges in connection with the fatal boating of his bride of two months, Annet Carter, September 7, was expected to open in circuit court tomorrow morning, providing the jury hearing the case of Donald Nacker, also charged with first degree murder, returns a verdict by that time.

The case of Nacker, accused of shooting Fred Dunbar on Labor day, was expected to go to the jury today.

Donald Chambers, who was in the Carter apartment the night Mrs. Carter was alleged to have been severely beaten, will be the chief witness for the state.

EASTERN PAIR TAKE LAURELS IN RADIO SONG

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—(AP)—A soprano from Dayton, Ohio, and a New York habitue were recognized today as winners of the fourth national radio audition.

Miss Carol Deis and Raoul E. Nadeau won first prizes in the women's and men's classes last night in the finals, sponsored by the Atwater Kent Foundation over the National Broadcasting system.

Each was awarded \$5000, a gold decoration and two years' tuition in a conservatory. Miss Deis sang "India, Hell Song" and Nadeau "Vision Fugitive."

WILL ROGERS SAYS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 15.—When somebody calls you "names" and there is no truth in it and you know that everybody knows there is no truth in it, why you naturally don't pay any attention to it. You just laugh it off. But if what they call you is hitting at the truth and kinder getting you in your weak spot, why you start hollering and denouncing at once. Well, last week, Mr. Hoover said: "The boys in the senate are playing politics at human expense." Did the boys laugh it off? Not quite. So figure out the answer yourself.

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