

The Weather

Forecast: Tonight and Saturday fair, but with considerable cloudiness; no change in temperature.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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Temperature

Table with 2 columns: Temperature, and values for Highest yesterday (45), Lowest this morning (22), Precipitation (0), To 5 p. m. yesterday (0.00), To 5 a. m. today (0.00).

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Short and Good. 15,000,000 Years Ago. 6 Billion Pounds Yearly. More Readings and Thought.

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President Hoover's Christmas day message had all the necessary good qualities. It was short, only 37 words. It was edifying none of the few words on regrets or wallings about conditions.

Mr. Hoover uttered the formal hope for a merry Christmas and happy New Year, and will do all that he can to make the latter real.

There is hard work ahead for everybody, and whining on Christmas would not make it easier.

In northern Alberta engineers of the Canadian government have discovered the oldest preserved trees in the world. Their branches were waving over strange animals, including uncouth half developed men, fifteen million years ago, when our continent was connected with Asia.

That makes our giant redwood trees, "2000 years old when Christ was born," seem very young.

Hermetically sealed in bitumen sands, safe from the destroying sands, the wood was perfectly preserved, with some of its leaves, and the insects that were attacking both, when all were buried together.

Dr. Bailey of Haverard proves that one of the trees is a Japanese variety.

Those old trees, growing on a huge continent that included North America and Japan fifteen million years ago, make our few days and little troubles seem less important.

There is trouble on Henry Ford's gigantic rubber plantations in Brazil, where Ford agents are developing six million acres of tropical land. It is interesting to think how many pythons, jaguars and monkeys will be disturbed by tractors and plows that are going day and night, working under floodlights in the cooler night hours.

Included among other inhabitants are some human beings that resent being disturbed and the Brazilian government sends

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NORRIS HAS NO WISH TO LEAD BOLT

Invitation by Chairman of Independent Political League to Quit Republicans. Lead Third Party, Not Taken Seriously.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Senator Norris today turned thumbs down on a third party movement and said he would not be a candidate for president.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Senator Norris said today he did not "suppose anybody seriously thinks I will lead a third party movement."

The Nebraska republican independent however reserved until later in the day detailed comment on the letter he received from John Dewey, of the League for Independent Political Action, suggesting he leave republican ranks and form a third political party.

Dr. Dewey's proposal followed Norris' differences with Robert H. Lucas, executive director of the republican national committee and the latter's efforts to read him out of the party.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Senator George W. Norris has an invitation today from John Dewey, chairman of the League for Independent Political Action, to help the republicans and lead a third political party.

In a letter to the senator from Nebraska, Dewey, formerly professor of philosophy at Columbia university, told him he was not a true republican as charged by Robert H. Lucas, executive director of the republican national committee, and that the time was ripe for the leadership of a new political group.

Urges New Allegiance "In light of your recent experience with leaders of the republican party," Dr. Dewey wrote, "I urge that you sever forever your connections with that political machine and form with those of us in the league and other groups a new party to which you can give your full allegiance."

The republican party stands for "rugged" individualism, Dr. Dewey wrote, whereas Senator Norris favors social planning and social control. "These are antagonistic philosophies," he said. "The republican party is a house divided against itself. You cannot put new wine into old bottles and we shall never be able to put this new philosophy of government into either of the old parties."

BASKETBALL TONIGHT STARTS 7:15 O'CLOCK

As a preliminary to the main basketball game tonight at the armory, the Medford Cubs and Jacksonville high school will play at 7:15 o'clock.

The main game is scheduled to begin about eight o'clock.

La Grande—Gas service to reach city by December 27.

Schoolboys Play With Gold From Fleagle's Cache

HOLLISTER, Mo., Dec. 26.—(AP)—School boys near here have been playing marbles with gold nuggets. Authorities believe the nuggets were found near the home of Jake Fleagle, western bandit, who was shot to death at Branson, Mo., two months ago.

DEMOCRAT WOULD PAY VET BONUS

Face Value of Compensation Certificates Would Be Given Under Legislation Advocated by Garner—Cost Country Billion.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The democratic leader of the house, Representative Garner of Texas, today was championing legislation for payment to veterans of the present value of their compensation certificates.

He advocated a plan giving the veteran option to turn in his certificate now and receive the original settlement value plus four per cent interest, or to hold it to maturity.

It would cost about a billion dollars, Garner contended, which he said the treasury could obtain by borrowing at between one and three-fourths and one and seven-eighths per cent.

"I doubt," he said, "if the treasury ever again will be able to secure money at such a low rate for the discharge of this obligation."

The Texas advanced his belief that not more than 60 per cent of the veterans would present their certificates at this time, but he argued the release of the sum represented by this proportion would contribute materially to restore "the economic balance."

A more propitious time for payment of this debt to veterans could not be conceived," he contended. "Every state, city and hamlet would feel the stimulating effects."

Other plans for paying off the veterans' certificates have been proposed by Secretary Mellon and treasury officials, partly on the contention that the relief afforded would be of a temporary nature.

ELIZABETH HUGHES A BRIDE



Chief Justice Charles E. Hughes gave his youngest daughter, Elizabeth Evans Hughes, in marriage to William Thomas Gossett of New York. They are shown leaving the Hughes home in Washington after the ceremony.

CITY LEVIES IN JACKSON ANNOUNCED

Medford Budget of \$165,640 Requires Increase of 1.5 Mills Over 1929—Ashland Has Slight Cut—Smaller Towns Vary.

The 1930 tax levies for cities and towns of Jackson county, with exception of Gold Hill, which is tardy with its budget, have been compiled by the county assessor's office.

Medford's tax levy for the year will be 19.7 mills, an increase of 1.5 mills over last year when it was 18.2 mills. It is based on a valuation of \$8,385,055.42. The 1929 valuation was \$7,906,756.53.

A total of \$165,649.62 is sought for this city by taxation, apportioned by funds as follows: General fund \$102,295.62, General bond fund 26,977.00, Water sinking fund 25,688.00.

The Ashland city levy shows a decrease of one-tenth of a mill, with an increase in the millage which this year is placed at \$2,868,894.88. Last year it was \$2,856,262.76. The levy this year is 25.8 mills, last year 25.9 mills.

Butts Falls' levy is increased from 28 mills last year to 31 mills this year, with a decrease in valuation from \$78,881.27 last year, to \$76,730 this year.

The Eagle Point levy is the same as last year—14 mills—with a slight increase in the valuation from \$101,536.46 to \$102,295.10 this year.

The Jacksonville levy shows a decline from 25.7, last year to 24.6 mills this year with an increase in the valuation from \$243,095.71 to \$254,760.16.

The Phoenix levy will be 21 mill higher than last year, when it was 26.9. This year it will be 27.6, with a heavy cut in the valuation, dropping from \$152,256.74 last year, to \$106,714.48 this year.

In Talent the levy is the same as last year—19.7 mills. The valuation this year is placed at \$190,574.46, and last year \$188,214.28.

Togue River will enjoy the biggest cut in millage for the cities of the county, dropping from 18.8 mills last year to 15.5 mills this year, a decline of 3.3 mills. There was also a heavy cut in valuation. Last year it was fixed at \$145,935.94. This year it is \$104,598.76.

The general county levy will not be fixed by the county assessor until after the first of the year when the county budget is finally approved.

Catholic Yule Days Taken

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—(AP)—It was not a merry Christmas for the parish of St. Adelbert's Catholic church.

33 DEAD IN ARGENTINE TREMBLORS

Earth Cracks Swallow Inhabitants of Andean Villages—Sub-Surface Rumlage—Terry Surface—Nearby Mountains Emit Smoke.

SALTA, Argentina, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Thirty-three dead and more than 70 persons injured were counted today as the toll of earthquakes over the holidays which destroyed La Poma, small Andean village.

A relief expedition arrived in the little mountain town Christmas day after a 24-hour march and found the survivors of Wednesday's quakes, terror-stricken by six new tremors, cramped among the debris of their homes.

Survivors from the earthquake which Saturday knocked down the village houses and caused most of the damage was accompanied by a sound that commenced like distant thunder from beneath the earth's surface. Its crescendo increased until at one time it sounded like the greatly amplified galloping of many horses.

As the masonry fell and plaster was thrown from ceilings the inhabitants of the little village fled to the open fields where they wandered about until dawn when they returned to their fallen homes, surrounded with clouds of dust.

Two huge cracks in the earth's surface, which oozed hot water, were left by the quake. A number of persons were said to have fallen into the cracks and disappeared. Neighboring mountains emitted smoke during the tremors.

MRS. BRUCE GOES TO BOEING PLANT

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26.—(AP) Mrs. Victor Bruce, British aviatrix arrived here today as a passenger on the P. A. T. plane, en route to Seattle.

She will visit the Boeing factory there and make arrangements for a new wing part, to replace the damage done Monday at Medford, when her ship ground-looped as she landed.

Mrs. Bruce is on a round-trip world tour and has traveled 15,500 miles by air and 5000 miles by boat since leaving London Sept. 5.

Named by Norblad SALEM, Ore., Dec. 26.—(AP)—W. D. Mackay and Robert G. Dieck of Portland were today appointed by Governor Norblad as members of the Oregon building congress. They succeed W. S. Klein and G. C. Blöhm of Portland, whose terms expire January 1.

POISONOUS RUM TAKES LIVES 5 YULE DRINKERS

New Yorkers Drop in Homes and in Public Places As Deadly Potions Act—45.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—(AP) Five persons were dead today because they drank poison liquor on Christmas.

In their homes, on the streets, in subway stations and in public places they dropped yesterday and were taken to hospitals for treatment that failed. Five more deaths were being investigated in the same connection and 45 persons were being doctored for acute alcoholism.

Dr. Charles Norris, medical examiner, said it was the lightest Yuletide toll in three years. Last year 83 cases were treated although there were no official fatalities. In 1928, there were two deaths and 53 instances of illness.

The dead were John Cochrane, 32; Patrick A. Breen, 42; Andrew Reichert, 24, and an unidentified man. Among the mortals under scrutiny was that of Mrs. Lena Gorman, 45, whose body was found in a vacant lot on West Seventeenth street.

NORBLAD IS GIVEN M'NARY'S SUPPORT

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 26.—(AP) Senator Charles L. McNary warmly recommended to President Hoover the appointment of Governor Norblad as minister to Holland, says a telegram from the senator, received here. Ronald T. Glover, former secretary to Representative W. C. Hawley and his Oregon manager in campaign for Senator McNary, suggested that he also recommend the Norblad appointment.

BEESEMYER GETS LONG CELL TERM

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Gilbert H. Beesemyer, confessed embezzler of nearly \$3,000,000 from the Guaranty Building and Loan association, of which he was secretary-manager, was sentenced by the superior court today to serve 10 to 100 years in San Quentin prison. He had pleaded guilty last Tuesday to an indictment charging him with 10 counts of grand theft.

MAGOON DEATH TAKES LIVES 5 LEFT CHILDREN WITHOUT FUNDS

Former Southern Oregon Girls Stranded in South Africa Town When Step-Father Slew Mother.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—(AP) The suicide and murder in South Africa two weeks ago which took the lives of Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Magoon, the latter formerly of Ashland, Ore., left the two daughters, Mrs. Magoon stranded in Johannesburg, relatives here learned today.

The girls were left without sufficient funds when Dr. Magoon, Chicago dentist and big game hunter, killed their mother and ended his own life in Ventral, southern Rhodesia, December 13.

The party was on its way from Johannesburg to the yacht Jandora, owned by padore Zellerbach, San Francisco capitalist. Sam Bowman a member of the Jandora's crew, was the most seriously injured.

Authorities said the launch capsized because it was overloaded. The ferry boat Tamolius put out two life boats and saved all but three of the party. Search was continued for the missing. All members of the party lived in Sausalito.

SAVE 10 FROM WATERS WHEN LAUNCH SINKS

Those missing were Ernest Rogers, a stevedore; A. Van Scoy, a cook and William Pinkerton, 22, Tiburon locomotive fireman. Bowman was among the rescued.

Captain Charles J. Gibson of the Tamolius said his ferry was just entering the slip when he heard cries for help. The life boats were put out quickly, but they had to cover more than half a mile to reach the overturned launch.

Bury Doctor Saturday. SALEM, Ore., Dec. 26.—(AP)—The funeral of Dr. W. Carlston Smith, member of the Marion county Legislature and delegate, who died in Portland Wednesday night, will be held at the Hildon funeral chapel here Saturday afternoon.

MAIL FRAUD HAD CLERICS ON LIST

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—(AP) Twenty clergymen were defrauded of \$150,000, the United States district attorney's office charged today, by a company whose officers were indicted last week for mail fraud.

Clark W. Parker, 68, a trustee of the Church of the Strangers in New York and alleged head of the promotion scheme, was indicted with his son and 15 others last week by a federal grand jury in connection with sale of stock in the Automotive Royalties corporation.

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WILL ROGERS PAYS TRIBUTE TO HUMORIST

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 26.—(AP) In his homely way, Will Rogers paid tribute to Kin Hubbard, his friend of many years, who died in Indianapolis.

"When he told of Kin Hubbard, the friend of my youth, and his friend of many years, who died in Indianapolis, the famous comedian and humorist was found in a dressing room on a film lot, preparing for his part in a picture, when word of Hubbard's death was brought to him.

"Hello, guy? What ya want?" he boomed at a friend entering the door.

"You knew Kin Hubbard?" the friend inquired.

"Sure, why?" "He's dead."

"What?" Rogers' voice was sharp in profound surprise and the entrancing twinkle of his grey eyes faded suddenly to a dazed expression.

"Why, why—" he stammered and lapsed into silence.

LINDY SEES GROWTH OF AIR TRAVEL

World's Best Known Flier Gives Interview On Recent Developments in Aviation—Cost Decreases, Ability Increases.

By Foster Halley. NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—(AP)— Aviation has come a long way since a young fellow from Missouri took off from Roosevelt field four years ago next May and flew to Paris, Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh believes.

The world's best known flier talked today of aviation as it was five years ago and as it is now; of low wings and high wings; of engines and speed and radio—of things that are the very breath of life to him.

He said this: "We have had more progress in the development of aircraft in the last five years than could have been foreseen at that time.

"In 1925 a good cruising speed was 30 miles an hour. Today we have planes of the same class with cruising speeds as high as 140 miles an hour. The air mail De Havilland we used in 1925 had a carrying capacity of about 400 pounds. Planes today of the same horsepower cruise at least 20 miles an hour faster and carry from three to four times that load.

"The same with the business or sport plane flown by the non-professional pilot. It is more stable, it is easier to operate, and it is much simpler to learn how to fly one. The cost of operation of a privately owned plane today is only a fraction of the cost of a few years back.

"The small, private plane of 75 to 100 miles an hour cruising speed can be operated today at practically the same cost as a medium-priced automobile.

For example, let's take a 100-horsepower plane. It sells for \$3000 to \$5000. You can get from 10 to 15 miles on a gallon of gas; that's with a pilot and two passengers. After 300 or 400 hours—which is about 25,000 to 30,000 miles—it will need an overhaul. Afterwards it is ready for another 300 or 400 hours and the total life of a good plane is 2000 hours or more, which is 176,000 miles of flying."

Travel Increasing. Passenger air travel is increasing—in 1930 it was substantially greater than in 1929—and in many places it is becoming a part of everyday life, Colonel Lindbergh said.

Most of the airlines of the United States are unable to operate without loss on passenger revenue alone, he continued, and it seems that for some time to come at least mail and express in addition, must be depended upon to make air transport operation profitable.

But as the efficiency of the air—(Continued on Page 6, Story 1)

"Abe Martin" Creator Dies Suddenly In Indiana Home



INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 26.—(AP)—Kin Hubbard, humorist and creator of the character "Abe Martin," died suddenly early today.

Death was attributed to heart disease. Mr. Hubbard was born in Bellefontaine, Ohio. He came to this city while a young man and entered newspaper work.

In 1904 he created the character of "Abe Martin," a mythical personage whose habitat was the hills of Brown county, Indiana.

"Abe" has been a regular feature of the Indianapolis News since his creation and in recent years he had appeared in a number of other newspapers throughout the country.

Mr. Hubbard is survived by his widow, Mrs. Josephine Hubbard, a son, Tom, and a daughter, Virginia. He was the son of Thomas and Sarah Hubbard. His father was formerly postmaster at Bellefontaine.

His death was unexpected. He was in his office at the Indianapolis News on Christmas eve.

Kin Hubbard's "Abe Martin" has long been one of the popular features of the Mail Tribune, the cartoon and homely words of wit and wisdom appearing daily in this column.

A big share of the activity an energy in this age has light years an' beer behind it. Well, the poor child never had the right sort of environment. He's been in school or college all his life," said Mrs. Em Pash, whose nephew is being held for murder and banditry in Wyoming.

WILL ROGERS says: BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 26.—In reading my Christmas good wishes and the morning L. A. papers, found a long editorial seriously comparing our Christmas day here to the old one held Bethlehem, Judea. In fact, it kinder give us the best of it in the way of weather and natural resources over Christ's original birthplace, and it rather insinuated that in case our Savior is to be born again the Chamber of Commerce should get busy now and book the event amid ideal surroundings. Bethlehem may have had us beat on milk and honey, but I bet we use more cold cream here than they did, and we got some awfully cheap orange marmalade, and it would be cheap. Then we can stage Moses' birth, too. We are short of bullrushes but she's got the tusk. So buy your reduced rate tickets for the modern Bethlehem.

Will Rogers