

The Weather
Forecast: Tonight and Wednesday
cloudy and unsettled. Probably
with rain; warmer tonight.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Temperature
Highest yesterday 42
Lowest this morning 18
Precipitation—
To 5 p. m. yesterday .00
To 5 a. m. today .00

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Today

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Chopping Wood.
Studying the Universe.
Come Back Prosperity.
Einstein in Stone.

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To see with your own eyes something well done teaches more than many words of talk. Boy scouts are taught to use hatchets and axes, and yesterday at the big boy scout camp of Allaire, New Jersey, well taken care of by Mr. Thomas McCarter, Mr. Warren W. Barbour and other friends, the boys saw wood chopping as it should be done.

Peter McLaren of Melbourne, champion chopper of Australia, took the thick end of a big log alloting the thin end to a local chopper.

McLaren stood aside until the local man had cut his thin end half way through, and then chopped through the thick butt of the white oak in one minute and 17 seconds. An ordinary wood chopper would do it in 30 minutes.

McLaren showed the boys how to throw a heavy axe from a distance of 60 feet, burying it deep in a tree trunk, within a quarter of an inch of a spot designated. That accomplishment might be made embarrassing for a holdup man.

How to sharpen an axe with a file, dulling the too sharp blade a little afterward, how to cut through a big log, always leaving an end of the axe out of the wood, to prevent the axe sticking in the log, are things that every chopper should know.

McLaren felled an enormous dead chestnut tree, hard, dry wood, in a few moments, telling the boys as he chopped how to make a tree fall where you want it.

After all his chopping he showed the boys that his axe blade by Plumb, of Philadelphia, manufacturer of standard boy scout hatchets, was still sharp enough to shave the hair from his forearm.

If middle aged men would become interested in good axes and in chopping, as Gladstone was interested, they would live longer, healthier lives. An hour a day with an axe will conquer any overgrown waist line and restore energy to any liver free of cirrhosis. Never mind if your farmer neighbor asks "did you cut down that tree, or did the woodchucks gnaw it down?"

American scientists, gathered in Cleveland, will begin discussing the achievements of science, during the past year, read 2000 scientific papers and settle, if possible, (Continued on Page Five)

Abe Martin



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COMBINE OF RAILROADS AGREED ON

President Hoover Announces Consolidation Into Four Great Independent Trunk Systems in East, Is Approved by Roads.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Agreement of eastern railroads on a consolidation into four independent systems was announced today by President Hoover.

The president had asked the railroad chiefs to map out the consolidation.

Only one minor point remains to be worked out in the gigantic consolidation scheme. That has been left to arbitration.

The railroads are the Pennsylvania, the New York Central, the Baltimore and Ohio and the Nickel Plate systems.

The Washburn-Seaboard system, provided for under the interstate commerce commission's plan issued last December, would be abandoned.

Workers Protected
President Hoover understands the plan provides for the protection of employees and of local communities and fulfills the intent of congress as expressed in the transportation act of 1920.

The consolidation program must be submitted to the interstate commerce commission for approval.

The president said he believed the plan will contribute to opportunities for employment in the present depression and also increase the stability of the railroads themselves.

He also expressed the belief that eventually the consolidation would result in lower rates to the public.

Fifth Line Unfavored
The interstate commerce commission's plan laid out a plan looking to the development of five great trunk lines but objections to the fifth trunk line caused disagreement among railroad leaders.

The new plan provides for the Virginia railway on the south and the New York Central on the north as the boundary roads in the movement.

The interstate commerce commission, the president said, has no power to force consolidations but under the transportation act of 1920 has the power to approve such a move.

Good news for Oregon was a telegram received by The Mail Tribune today from Charles McNary, United States Senator, that passage has been secured in the senate for the disabled veterans' home establishment in the northwest.

The message is as follows: "I secured passage through the senate of the bill to locate a home for disabled soldiers in one of the Pacific Northwest states. I am anxious to have it located in Oregon and with most of the civic organizations have recommended Roseburg."

Friend Prescribes Remedy for Cold; Patient Has Club

TORONTO, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Andrew Curnow was a home remedy fan until he caught a cold and it settled in his chest.

Then a friend dropped around and told him of a sure cure.

"Pour some rubbing alcohol on your chest and light it," the sympathetic friend said, "you will forget all about the cold."

Andrew did as directed. And forgot the cold.

Under his bed in a local hospital is a large club. It is for the next friend who tells him what to do for any ailment he may have.

TO KNIFE GATES UNLESS SOLONS SWITCH VOTES

Supporters of Gordon for Speaker Put Local Man On Spot Influence Deuel and Day.

A prominent Medford man is one of the keys being worked on by the opponents of Frank Lonergan in their endeavor to accomplish the election in the coming legislature of Herbert Gordon as speaker of that body, according to Ralph Watson, political writer in the Portland Journal, who virtually states that Pop Gates' state highway job is being used as a pawn in this contest, which is growing warmer daily, to switch the votes of H. S. Deuel and E. B. Day, Jackson county members of the legislature, from Lonergan to Gordon.

The Rogue River fish closing bill is another pawn being used in this game of trying to switch pledged votes.

In part Watson writes as follows: "It is a peculiar struggle in that Lonergan has 38 members of the house pledged to his candidacy. It requires 21 votes to elect, that being a majority of the house membership of 60. Representative Gordon, to win, must induce at least seven members of the house who have given their pledges to cast their votes for Lonergan to repudiate those pledges and cast their votes for him.

"During the last 10 days or more different members of the house pledged to Lonergan have been approached by Gordon agents who have urged a variety of arguments in the attempt to break into the Lonergan support. Efforts were made to pry James Chinook of Josephine county away from Lonergan with the argument that Lonergan is opposed to Rogue River closing, while Gordon is for it, and that if Gordon were to be elected he would see to it that the river was closed, at least so far as the action of the house was concerned. Chinook, however, did not yield.

"The same argument was put up to Representative E. B. Day and Halbert S. Deuel of Jackson county, both Lonergan supporters, and when they did not desert the Lonergan camp word was slipped to them that if they did not come over to Gordon a very strong probability existed that State Highway Commissioner C. E. (Pop) Gates of Medford would be lifted out of that berth and the place given to someone outside of Jackson county. Both Day and Deuel, however, still are in the Lonergan line."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—A two cent stamp bearing a picture of General Casimir Pulaski, Polish patriot and revolutionary hero, is to go on sale January 16.

Prosperity Return In 1931 Foremost Hope Expressed By United States Leaders

(By the Associated Press). The wish for prosperity takes precedent among leaders of America, thought and action, and the aspirations of specialists dovetail into the program.

The question: What is your greatest hope for 1931? The answers: NEWTON D. BAKER, former secretary of war—"That we Americans may be able to find some way to adjust ourselves to the industrial civilization of which we are a part, which would prevent the tragedy of recurring depressions.

CAPTAIN FRANK HAWKS, speed flier—"I'd like to see all air transport and mail schedules speeded up to at least 150 miles an hour cruising speed.

WILL H. HAYS, president of the motion picture producers and distributors—"That the motion picture screen in 1931, through its mission of entertainment and education to the millions, may speed renewed confidence in the great future of our country and the industrial civilization of which we are a part, which would prevent the tragedy of recurring depressions.

GENE TUNNEY, retired heavyweight boxing champion—"That solutions will be found for the economic and political problems confronting the world, from the shores of the Adriatic through the Balkans to Germany, France and England; and that the supreme court will act wisely on the decision of Federal Judge Clark in New Jersey. Immediate removal of the eighteenth amendment, I believe, would bring about an immediate revival of trade.

JANE ADDAMS, Hull House, Chicago—"Two projects I hope will materialize in 1931: In the realm of international affairs I hope the year will bring a more successful disarmament conference than has yet been held; and I hope that the American people will demand once more the strict observance of the bill of rights.

H. L. MENCKEN, editor and critic—"That it will see a definite break in the politico-ecclesiastical tyranny that has oppressed and disgraced the United States since the war, and that the American people will demand once more the strict observance of the bill of rights.

BEN B. LANDSEY, former Denver juvenile court judge—"I hope for the success of the campaign to abolish the divorce courts and substitute for them a commission of experts, two from the medical and one from the legal profession, to hear all domestic discords and, after an effort of reconciliation has failed, to grant an honest divorce by mutual consent.

NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER, president of Columbia University—"That convincing evidence may be shown by the highest and most responsible officers of our federal and state governments that they possess the intellectual capacity, the administrative competence, the courage to deal promptly and effectively and constructively with the great national and international problems which confront the United States. Future judgment of the effectiveness of our form of government and the quality of our national character may well be determined by the measure in which this hope is fulfilled.

ROSEBURG TURKEY POOL IS PLANNED
ROSEBURG, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The Oregon Turkey Growers association is planning a turkey pool Jan. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1931, at the United States Hotel. Future judgment of the effectiveness of our form of government and the quality of our national character may well be determined by the measure in which this hope is fulfilled.

HEIRESS NAMED IN \$500,000 SUIT
A two cent stamp bearing a picture of General Casimir Pulaski, Polish patriot and revolutionary hero, is to go on sale January 16.



Aggie Ryan (inset), granddaughter of the late Thomas Fortune Ryan and part heir to the \$120,000,000 estate, is being sued in New York for \$500,000 on the ground that she broke up the wedding song and dance team of Robert and Muriel Johnston.

CALIFORNIA AND OREGON SUFFER COLD WEATHER

Smudge Pall Darkens Citrus Growing Region As Fruit Growers Fight Frost Losses Minimized.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Another nearly smokeless morning was experienced by southern Californians today as a black pall of smudge smokes from the citrus groves rolled over town and city. More than a week of below-freezing mornings have brought daily clouds in the sky from the heavy oil smoke.

Anaheim, Pomona and Santa Paula alike reported no damage in their citrus districts.

In the San Gabriel valley orchards around Pomona, the mercury dropped sharply. Floyd Young, government observer, said, but was chased up again quickly. Smudging was general.

Santa Paula reported a temperature of 27 degrees, accompanied by only scattered smudging.

Anaheim enjoyed safety with the mercury only one degree below freezing. The unusually low mark of 24 degrees Monday morning was believed to have affected about one-third of the Valencia crop, but growers estimated after a survey that in reality the loss would be slight.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 30.—(AP)—Salem was today emerging from the discomfort of three days of partly foggy and freezing weather, during which time minimum temperatures of 20 degrees or lower were recorded, and the weather men gave some promise of relief in the forecast for unsettled conditions, probably rains and warmer temperatures for tonight and Wednesday.

THE DALLES, Ore., Dec. 30.—(AP)—A cutting east wind, carrying sharp, small flakes of snow, brought the worst weather of the season to this section today. The temperature was 26 degrees above zero.

MEDFORD HEARING ON CROSSINGS SET

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 30.—(AP)—The public service commission today set Thursday, January 23 for hearing at Medford of application by the city of Medford for a crossing over Southern Pacific tracks at Eighth street and application by the city of Medford for a crossing over Southern Pacific tracks at Fourth street.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The New York state athletic commission today gave Joe Jacobs, new manager of Max Schmeling, one week to answer yes or no to the commission's ultimatum that Schmeling defend his heavyweight boxing title against Jack Sharkey here in June.

The commission's edict forestalled any hopes of Young Stribling meeting Sharkey, probably in Miami this winter, and then figure in the championship picture with the German heavyweight next year if he won.

NEW MAYOR FAVORS MANAGER FOR SALEM

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 30.—(AP)—P. M. Gregory, who will become mayor of Salem next Monday night, announced that at an early date as possible he will attempt to place before the people at a special election the proposal that a managerial form of government be adopted here.

Upheaval Beneath Sea Pollutes Waters With Millions of Dead Fish

COQUIMBO, Chile, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Green seas, reeking with an unnatural odor, washed the shores of northern Chile today in an aftermath to what is believed to have been a tremendous seismic disturbance far beneath the waters of the Pacific ocean.

Dog Gives When Fido Perishes in Mine

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 30.—(AP)—A shaggy dog, whose nervous barking and whining could not be still, led a man into an abandoned mine in the south hills last night and there five boys were found—victims of gas.

The boys went into the mine to gather coal for their families. About three-quarters of a mile in they began to drop.

The dog returned home alone. When it could not be quoted the boy's father followed the dog to the pit.

TEACHERS FOR FURNISHING OF SCHOOL BOOKS

Portland, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Teachers of Oregon today stood in favor of free text books for pupils of the state, but at the same time they opposed any plan for state printing and publication of the textbooks.

Resolutions to this effect were adopted at the last session on yesterday's program of the Oregon State Teachers' association meeting here.

C. W. Hoeltcher of The Dalles was elected vice-president and will succeed to the presidency next year.

That free textbooks should be furnished to the school children of the state of Oregon seems to be desirable," the teachers' resolution read. Another section said "the association is unalterably opposed to state printing and publication of textbooks."

E. W. Turnbull of North Bend presided at the session, stepping up from vice-president. E. H. Hedrick of Medford was elected member of the board of trustees to represent the state at large.

Equalized educational opportunity for all school children of Oregon is the objective of the Oregon educational plan, as outlined by C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction.

GOOD FORTUNE FOLLOWS LOSS IN VULE BLAZE

Mrs. Belle Fulton, nurse in the hospital at Yreka, Cal., and mother of Mrs. A. W. Krense of Medford, who last week suffered a misfortune when her clothing, other than what she was wearing, was destroyed by a fire in the hospital nurse's living quarters, next day, as the story goes, stumbled onto a Christmas gift of some \$500 cash on Christmas eve.

It is related that feeling quite glum over her fire loss Mrs. Fulton while off duty visited the post office to learn who had won the Ford DeLuxe automobile given away in a contest staged by a Wood auto dealer on Christmas eve, and was almost dumfounded to learn that she herself was the winner.

Inasmuch as she had no use for the car because last spring she had purchased one, Mrs. Fulton went to Wood as soon as conveniently as possible and struck an agreement with the auto dealer by which the latter gave her \$500 or \$550 cash in lieu of her taking the contest car.

Although there has been little wind the seas have been particularly high. Unusual heat has prevailed and a number of slight earth shocks have been felt. There were strong shocks, one of fourth grade intensity at Precina and Vallena, and the entire coastline 300 miles north to Caldera appears to have been shaken.

Authorities are taking pains to quiet the fears of the populace, many of whom believe there is some supernatural significance to the unusual conditions.

HUGE FUND AVAILABLE FOR VETS

Bureau Prepared to Loan \$425,000,000 in 1931, Says Hines—Bonus Certificates Worth 22½ Per Cent of Value On Jan. 1.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Veterans Administrator Hines today estimated \$425,000,000 could be borrowed by veterans on their adjusted compensation certificates in 1931 and said the bureau was prepared to lend \$20,000,000 to 300,000 veterans in January.

In a prepared statement issued, he said, to clear up misunderstandings, Hines said the "availability of these funds will be helpful to veterans finding it necessary to make loans at this time."

Outstanding certificates, he added, total 3,295,000 with an aggregate maturity value of \$3,420,000,000. Of these 1,600,000 certificates will have a total value of \$725,000,000 on Jan. 1, he reported, of which about \$200,000,000 has already been borrowed.

Value 22½ Per Cent
The certificates, most of which were dated Jan. 1, 1925, will be worth in cash 22½ per cent of the maturity value on Jan. 1, 1931, for loans, he said, estimating this averaged \$225 on each certificate.

He said the bureau has been lending at the rate of \$8,000,000 a month on the certificates.

Administrator Hines reported an increase in applications for disability compensation.

Claims for disability allowance, tabulated as of December 15, totaled 289,969, an increase of 21,900 over those reported as of Nov. 30.

Compensation allowances paid in November alone totaled \$20,000,000, which was more than for any single month in the history of the veterans' bureau, with the exception of July, 1930, when veterans relief agencies were consolidated by the veterans' administration.

WILL SEEK PROBE TELEPHONE RATES

PORTLAND, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Senator J. E. Bennett of Multnomah county announced today he will introduce a resolution at the coming legislative session asking authorization for an investigation of telephone charges in Oregon. The resolution would authorize a conference with telephone company officials and a committee named jointly by the president of the senate and speaker of the house, in regard to voluntary reduction of tolls.

STATE DRY OFFICERS AUTHORITY DEFINED

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—State police officers have authority to enforce the national prohibition act but, under state law, can make arrests for illegal dealing in or transporting of intoxicating liquor, Attorney General Joseph E. Warner said today.

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 29. You just got two more days now, patriots, to sell your stock and charge it off on your income tax and then buy it back Friday. Too bad the old farmer or salaried man hasn't got any out like that. We ought to have a stock exchange for land and houses and lots, so we could run 'em up and down (for no reason at all) like you can wheat and corn and everything else. Get up in the morning, look at the paper, see what your vacant lot is worth, sell it and charge it off, then buy it back.

Will Rogers