

The Weather

Tonight and Friday, rain. Moderate temperature.

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Temperature table with columns for highest/lowest yesterday, lowest this morning, and times today.

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The trip across America and back is as interesting after you have made it fifty or a hundred times as it was the first time.

It is a different and an independent United States out here near the Rocky mountains.

On the front page of Bonfils' Denver Post no large type is devoted to any news except what happens in Colorado or in the big domain of Central States covered by the Post.

Western newspapers are good newspapers and tell you everything that happens, once you get past the front page. But nothing that Mussolini can do, nothing that Lloyd George can say, nothing that Russia can suggest is as important to the Pueblo Chieftain as the fact that "Pueblo Banks Pick Officers for New Year." And in Denver the finding of Alice Luv-ille Humphreys, lost 13-year-old daughter of a millionaire, is bigger news than any steel merger.

Bonfils makes an exception in favor of Calvin Coolidge and puts his philosophy on the front page.

Today Mr. Coolidge says, and the young should remember it, "Knowing a little more about a subject under discussion than any one else on the floor (of the legislature) will be the surest way to success." That's the Calvin Coolidge way and a

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Abe Martin



"You ought to join the Colonial Bridge club," said Mrs. Leghorn Tharp when Tell Binkley complained that the newspapers were printing any jokes about a certain little car that's on the market. "I heard a shot on a scream in the hall, but I was just listen- ing in on Amos 'n' Andy and I thought no more of it," testified Mrs. Tilford Moore's brother, question- ing in regard to the murder of his wife.

OPEN BIDS ON OREGON ROAD WORK

Eagle Point-Trail Section of Crater Lake Will Cost \$135,443 if Low Figure Accepted—Total for State Over Million.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 15.—(AP) Bids on more than \$1,000,000 worth of highway and bridge work were opened by the state highway commission here today. The total of the low bids opened on 132.4 miles of road work and 14 bridges and culvert jobs was \$1,082,135.

Included was the job of non-skidding 32 miles of the Columbia River highway out of Portland. The Interstate Construction company was low bidder on two of the largest projects, bidding \$135,443 on 17 miles of regrading and resurfacing work on the Eagle Point-Trail section of the Crater Lake highway in Jackson county, and \$219,925 on 25 miles of re-surfacing of the Bear Springs-Maupin section of the Wapinitia highway in Wasco county.

Other projects and low bids were:

Lane county: Doyle Hill-Gate creek section of McKenzie highway, Fred Christensen, \$55,840. Berry Creek-Woodco section of Roosevelt Coast highway, 10 miles of surfacing; Kern & Kibbe, \$113,550. Multnomah county: Portland-Hood River county line section of Columbia River highway, 22 miles of bituminous pavement; West Contract company, \$66,848.

Wasco and Sherman counties: The Dalles-Biggs section of Columbia River highway, 13 miles of re-grading and widening; C. R. Johnson, \$107,607.

Wilcox-Shaniko section of Sherman highway, 12 miles of regrading and widening; J. Reisman, \$63,130.

Wheeler and Grant counties—Willow creek-Valado ranch section of Ochoco and John Day highways, 18 miles of surfacing; W. H. Buckett Co., \$159,041.

Lane county—Three culverts between fish hatchery and Vida on McKenzie highway; Oscar Johnson \$6,840.

One concrete arch and two concrete bridges on Lincoln county line-Bob creek section of Roosevelt coast highway; Tom Lillebo, Reedport, \$33,990.

Two concrete arches and four concrete bridges on Ten Mile creek-China creek section of the Roosevelt coast highway; Union Bridge company, Portland, \$120,230.

Lincoln county—Two concrete bridges on Cape Perpetua-Lane county line section of Roosevelt coast highway; Tom Lillebo, \$17,771.

THREE OPTIONS ARE OUTLINED FOR WOODMEN

DENVER, Jan. 15.—(AP) Three optional methods of retaining or continuing their membership in the Woodmen of the World, with headquarters in Denver, have been proposed at a special head camp session here to permit nearly 50,000 veteran members the opportunity to resume or continue their standing.

Veteran members may elect to come under the legal reserve insurance adopted Tuesday as the form for the organization hereafter. If they reject this, they may choose to accept a "compromise" rate—between what they have been paying under the old fraternal system and the new figure.

The third proposal is to permit these members to regain their old policies, giving a lien to the organization for a portion of the money paid in.

Slight comfort came from the weather bureau in a reminder that Jan. 15, 1927, set a low record for the day with a temperature of 6.3 above zero.

ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL PASSES HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Senator Frederick W. Steiwer of Oregon has been informed the interstate commerce commission will enforce its order for grain rate reductions effective April 1.

BULLETIN

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 15.—(AP) Mrs. W. H. Howard, prominent witness in the Bowles murder case, was stabbed over the heart late today as she stepped on the back porch of her home. She was said to be dying.

An emergency call to police was sent in by neighbors but no one knew who wielded the knife. Squads of police searched the neighborhood but found no trace of the assailant. Mrs. Howard also had a deep cut across the face. She was rushed to a hospital.

When found she was lying with her feet outside the door and head inside. She had fallen backwards through the door. She had not recovered consciousness half an hour later.

RECEIVER IS NAMED FOR RICHFIELD

Action Taken On Plea of Republic Supply Co.—Claims Long Overdue Basis of Petition—Will Continue Business.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The Richfield Oil company of California was placed in the hands of a receiver today by Federal Judge William P. James, acting on a petition of the Republic Supply company of California, which listed assets of Richfield at \$120,000,000 and liabilities at \$35,000,000.

Judge James appointed William C. McDuffie, president of Richfield as receiver in equity and his bond was fixed at \$2,500,000, the largest bond ever set for a receiver in federal court here.

The company is one of the major producing and oil corporations on the Pacific coast. McDuffie recently took over direction at Richfield at the request of bankers affiliated in the financing of the company.

The petition for receivership was preceded by heavy trading in Richfield common stock on Los Angeles and San Francisco exchanges yesterday and at the opening of the markets today. The price slumped to 2 7/8. Several months ago the stock was selling around 14.

At the time McDuffie became president financial agencies reported that Richfield owed about \$26,000,000 to banks.

In filing the petition the supply company listed claims of \$275,000, which it alleged were long overdue. By the action, Richfield may continue as a going concern instead of being forced into liquidation, which would have been necessary if a receivership in bankruptcy had been sought and granted.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Jan. 15.—(AP)—Mrs. Ruth Warnock was convicted on a manslaughter charge by a circuit court jury here today. The jury was out seven hours.

Mrs. Warnock shot and killed John Scherer in a hotel here last October. The state established the motive of jealousy and contended Mrs. Warnock shot Scherer because he had transferred his attentions from her to another woman.

She will be sentenced next week.

NEW YORKERS CHILLED BY MERCURY PLUNGE

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—(AP) New York, awakened today, with a shiver to find the mercury had dropped 15 degrees since midnight to 11 degrees above zero.

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POWER NOMINATIONS CONTESTED



The senate voted to reconsider its confirmation of Chairman George Otis Smith (left) of Maine, and Commissioners Claude L. Draper (upper right) of Wyoming and Marcel Garsaud of Louisiana, members of the new power commission, and requested President Hoover to return the nominations.



DEATH CALLS BEN SELLING OF PORTLAND

Pioneer Merchant Noted for Large Philanthropies, Succumbs After Week's Illness.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 15.—(AP) Ben Selling, 78, prominent Portland merchant and philanthropist, died here today. He had been ill a week.

Mrs. Selling, Dr. Laurence Selling, a son, and Mrs. A. C. U. Berry, a daughter, were at his bedside.

Selling was born in San Francisco in 1852 and came to Portland with his parents when he was 10 years old. In 1880 he married Miss Lillie Hess of San Francisco. For years he has been known as one of the leading clothiers on the Pacific coast.

He was state representative from Multnomah county for eight years, was later elected senator from the district, served as president of the senate, and was for a time, acting governor.

He was leader of a number of Jewish benevolent societies, and founder of the Waverly Baby home here.

During the World war he purchased a half million dollars worth of Liberty bonds.

In 1928 he was elected Portland's most distinguished citizen.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 15.—(AP) State officials and Oregon political

Medford Man Makes Good Progress in Airplane Dash To Sick Father's Bedside

According to a telegram sent at 1:15 p. m. today Jay Hambrick and Leonard Hall with John Waage as pilot, had reached Ely, Nev., after what was described as "tough going." They landed in four inches of snow at the Ely airport.

At three o'clock this morning, as the long finger of light from the beacon pierced the foggy haze which had settled over the Medford airport, an airplane taxied from the big hangar, roared down the gravelled runway and zoomed into the early morning gloom on the start of a thrilling dash across seven states to Dallas, Texas. Jay Hambrick, a member of the advertising department of the California Oregon Power company is the anxious passenger in the trim little Curtiss Robin which is rushing him to the bedside of his father, critically ill with pneumonia.

CLARA STEALS SHOW IN TRIAL OF SECRETARY

Film Flapper On Verge of Hysterics As Testimony Given—Cries and Powder's Nose.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 15.—(AP)—The trial on grand theft charges of Miss Daisy De Doe, former secretary and "best friend" of Clara Bow of the films went into its fourth day today with the movie flapper in complete possession of the spotlight.

Alternately sobbing and stamping a foot while testifying, the red headed actress stole the show yesterday as in previous sessions of the trial of her erstwhile confidant, charged with theft of \$16,000 from Miss Bow.

In her second spectacular appearance on the stand in two days the flapper heroine of motion pictures assumed on the verge of hysteria under searching questioning of Miss De Doe's counsel, Nathan Freedman.

"She was my best friend," sobbed the actress after an indignant outburst. She spoke as though apologizing for her temper to the court room throng forming her audience. "She was my best friend in the world. I'm sorry to be crying, but I can't help it." Then she dabbed at her nose with a powder puff.

Bids opened for clearing 2.3 miles of Pendleton-John Day highway between Ukiah and Dale.

FRUIT MEN MAY MERGE ENDEAVORS

Fruit Growers' League and Rogue River Traffic Assn. Discuss Valley-Wide Organization for Betterment of Industry.

Following a two-hour discussion, representatives of the valley fruit industry this afternoon decided to name a joint committee composed of three members of the traffic association, and three members of the Fruitgrowers league, to study and report later upon the advisability of merging the two organizations into a central organization.

Preliminary discussion looking toward the merging of the Fruitgrowers league and the Rogue River Traffic association, into a valley-wide organization, for the betterment of the fruit industry, was the chief business at the regular meeting of the traffic association this noon. It was felt that the merger would increase the membership, broaden the scope and increase the efficiency by unity of action in horticultural problems.

There was representative attendance at the meeting, representing all sections of the fruit industry of the valley.

David R. Wood, manager of the Potter Palmer interests in this section, outlined the purposes of the proposed joint organization. He said the time for united action had come to meet the future problems of the fruit industry, which he listed as follows:

- Increased production; Uniform pack; Curtailing sizes sold and shipped; Lack of co-operation between growers, shippers and distributors; Maintenance of quality; General economic situation.

Wood, in a general talk, said the 1930 fruit situation was the most disastrous in the history of the Pacific coast. He said that some of the poor prices for valley fruit, whether anybody liked to admit it or not, was the poor quality of the fruit shipped in 1930, also the varied sizes. He said the Medford district had a reputation for producing a quality pack, and it does not take the distributor or the buyer long to discover when such pack retrograded.

He said the Medford district should make an effort to maintain a high quality standard, regain any lost prestige, and retain and hold the balance of power for fall and winter near the coast.

Wood said he believed in advertising, and that this was one of the needs of the future. He touched only in a general way upon the myriad problems and angles looming for the future.

Finance Problem. Ralph S. Headley of Simon, Shuttlesworth & French, spoke favorably and declared the matter of financing was the major problem of the coming year. He said the Medford district had heretofore been a favored district in this respect, and he felt there would be a curtailment. He held this was the most important matter to be adjusted for the 1931 season. He said it was a problem alike for growers and shippers.

George H. Deane, a fruitgrower, felt that the two organizations should exist as at present, but was open to conviction. H. Van Hovenberg, Sams Valley grower, felt the same way about it.

David Rosenberg, Harry Rosenberg, Paul Scherer and others prominently identified with local fruit industry were scheduled for talks.

ROGUE SPAN MAY HONOR PATTERSON

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 15.—(AP)—Representative Emmett Howard of Lane, long one of the most active members of the legislature on matters of roads and highways, announced that he will sponsor a resolution to make the state highway bridge across the Rogue river at Gold Beach a memorial to the late Governor Patterson.

It has been the custom in the past to make important highway bridges in honor of members of the highway commission or others prominent in state affairs.

LABOR TO SEEK DRY LAW MODIFICATIONS

MIAMI, Jan. 15.—(AP)—President William Green of the American Federation of Labor today criticized reports that the executive council of the body had approved campaign plans for modification of prohibition by the "labor" legislative committee for the modification of the Volstead act.

Golf Executive



Herbert H. Ramsay of New York is to head the United States Golf association, succeeding Findlay S. Douglas.

LUCAS WILL APOLOGIZE IF AL DRY

Republican Committee Director Makes Offer in Controversy Over Campaign Cartoon—Smith, Raskob Owe Apology.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Alfred E. Smith had a reply today from Robert H. Lucas, but it contained only a conditional offer of the apology which the former Democratic presidential candidate demanded of the executive director of the Republican National committee.

Smith, in a letter to Senator Wagner, Democrat, New York, had asked apology from the Republican committee for "permitting" Lucas to distribute a bar-room cartoon which he said contained a quotation attributed to him which he had not made.

Lucas issued a statement last night saying he would apologize for sending out a cartoon representing Smith and Chairman Raskob of the Democratic National committee as wets, if Smith would announce he now favored prohibition.

Owes People Apology. The Republican official asked also whether Smith and Raskob were considering "Apologizing to the American people for the action of Governor Smith's hand-picked chairman, Mr. Raskob, in subsidizing with large sums of money and organized campaign extending over more than a year, a misrepresentation and smear of the president of the United States."

The letter of the former New York governor had set forth that the quotation in the cartoon—which was part of the literature circulated in Nebraska in the Lucas effort to defeat Senator Norris, Republican independent—was one which he had never presented last year by unauthorized persons at a political meeting as a hoax and was immediately and publicly disavowed.

"Governor Smith asks me to apologize," said Lucas. "He says a cartoon was distributed which conveyed the information that he was 'wet.' He says the impression made there was based on incorrect information. If the governor will state that he had done a complete about-face since 1928 and is now for prohibition then I owe him an apology."

VET HOMESITE INSPECTOR DUE JANUARY 24TH

SEATTLE, Jan. 15.—(AP)—A special dispatch to the Seattle Times from Washington, D. C., today said General George H. Wood, special representative of General Frank T. Hines, chief of the Veterans' Bureau, will leave Dayton, Ohio, today or tomorrow to inspect sites proposed for the national soldiers' home to be located in the Pacific northwest.

He is to visit Seattle, Spokane and Walla Walla January 20, 21 and 22, arriving at Portland January 23 and visiting Roseburg and Ashland the next day. After that he will go to San Francisco to look over sites for a new veterans' hospital there.

SOLONS TO RECONVENE ON MONDAY

Adjournment of Both Houses in Respect to Late Ben Selling—Old Age Pension Bill and Minor Measures Drop in Hopper.

SALEM, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Introduction of the old age pension bill, passage of the legislation and rules committee report providing for the naming of a public utilities committee and reapportionment committee in the house, and filing of minor measures marked the short sessions of the house and senate today.

Death in Portland of Ben Selling, former member of the senate and speaker of the house, cut short the day's program in both houses, which adjourned early until next Monday in respect to Selling. The introduction of the first of the administration measures was also held over until next week, when it is expected several will be started through the legislative Hopper and make room for the flood of bills expected to follow from members.

Pays \$30 Month. The old age pension bill, introduced by Representatives Lee, Anderson, Bronough, Mott and Schupp and Senators Woodward and Hall, provides for the payment of \$30 a month to dependent persons past the age of 65 years. In order to receive the pension, applicants must have resided in the state 10 years and have been American citizens 15 years. The county court in each county was designated as the pension commission. The funds are to be provided by the counties.

The appointment of the special public utilities committee and the reapportionment committee will be announced Monday. Speaker Frank J. Loneragan announced. He stated he would offer Governor Julius L. Meier the option of recommending appointments to the public utilities committee to which he referred all power bills. Governor Meier declined to make any recommendation, it was announced, declaring it was not the function of the governor to interfere with legislative procedure.

Building Plan Study. A committee of two senators and three representatives to make a study of state building needs and report back to the legislature some plan for a 10-year building program is provided in a senate joint resolution introduced by Senator Miller and Representative Hamilton.

The resolution mentions the state deficit of between \$2,000,000 and \$4,000,000 and the inability of present buildings at the custodial institutions to meet requirements. The state's asylums and hospitals are branded as "so defective and inadequate as to be a reproach to the state."

School boards in districts of first class are empowered to join with the state in the establishment of training schools at state institutions of higher learning by a bill introduced by Senator Eberhardt today. It has direct application to the new normal school at La Grande, but would apply in the same way to the normal schools at Ashland and Independence and to the state university at Eugene and the state college at Corvallis.

JONES LAW MADE CLEARER BY BILL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—President Hoover today signed the Stobbs bill designed to clarify the Jones-Stalker prohibition law. The bill would amend the Jones law limiting the maximum penalty to \$500 or six months jail sentence in cases where the sale of not more than one gallon of liquor is involved, provided the defendant has not been convicted of a prohibition violation within two years.

It also would permit trial before a United States commissioner for minor violations unless the defendant asks a jury trial.

HEFLIN'S COLLEAGUE RESENTS ALLEGATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—A charge by Senator Heflin, Democrat, Alabama, that he was defeated for re-election last November by "thievery at the ballot box" brought an assertion from his colleague, Senator Black, today that an election was "as fair as any election ever held in any state in the United States."