

The Weather
Forecast: Cloudy with rain to night and Wednesday. No change in temperature.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Temperature

Highest yesterday	35
Lowest this morning	26
Precipitation	0.00
To 5 p. m. yesterday	0.00
To 5 a. m. today	0.00

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Today

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Los Angeles Still Grows. Tigers, Beware. The Potato Chip Lady. \$500,000 Sunkist Dollars.

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LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 19.—This city, looking west across the Pacific, back to the mountains and the effete east, is climbing up the mountains in all directions. Land that was once desert worth 50 cents an acre is now worth ten thousand and a great deal more. And this ceaselessly growing city is spreading north to San Francisco, south toward San Diego, and the "depression" has not checked it.

Douglas Fairbanks has gone to India, taking letters from the Duke of Sutherland to the Marajah of Mysore, and letters from other dukes to other marajahs, princes and potentates, plus a letter of credit which is important. Fairbanks will shoot real tigers from the back of a real elephant in the Mysore territory. His camera man goes along and his director to tell the tigers what is expected of them.

Feminine success here is not reserved to 18-year-old Holly-wood ladies with golden hair, very large eyes. For instance, Mrs. Laura Scudder will interest you, if you are a lady about 40. Ill health compelled her husband to drop his law practice and his doctor said he must be interested in something. Mrs. Scudder immediately went into business, manufacturing and selling potato chips. Now she employs 40 trucks to deliver the chips and makes as much money as one of the trucks could haul.

Los Angeles, where snell crowds pour over the sidewalks as you never saw even in New York or Chicago, is widening many city streets getting ready for the future.

And the roads of approach from the east are widened and straightened. Fifty-seven dangerous curves have just been taken out of life Cajon Pass road, leading back to Victorville, Barstow and points east. The roads are made less romantic but safer. They are also made sometimes much steeper than they were because modern automobiles can climb anything.

Orange groves of the Sunkist organization here made a special fund of \$500,000, intending to buy up the surplus crop, destroy it and prevent a break in the market. On wise second thought the 12,000 citrus farmers decided to add the

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Abe Martin



Lack of pep is often mistaken for patience. The worst trials of life are out of court.

WICKERSHAM REPORT KIS REPEAL

SIX FAVOR REVISION IN PROHIBITION

Hoover Transmits Findings to Congress With Concurrence in Findings — No Recommendation Change in Amendment.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 20.—(AP)—Satisfaction with the Wickersham commission report was expressed by F. Scott McBride, national superintendent of the National Saloon League of America today. "It's a good report for us, and what we had a right to expect," he said.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Senator Blaine, Republican, Wisconsin, introduced in the senate today immediately after receipt of the law enforcement commission's prohibition report, a resolution for a substitute prohibition amendment in line with the one conditionally suggested in the report.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—President Hoover sent to congress today with qualified praise a report from the Wickersham commission which declared against repeal of the eighteenth amendment, but put forward a plan for its possible revision.

The president said he concurred in the commission's finding that the amendment should stay, and did not recommend any present effort to amend it.

He made no direct reference to the fact that six of the 11 commissioners asked for repeal or modification, or to the declaration of the whole commission that a revision of the clause giving concurrent power to the state and nation would be wise.

In congress, the report immediately became the center of attention and the inspiration for many proposed proposals for modification or strengthening of the dry statutes.

See Political Effect. No one in official circles at the capital discounted the probable political effect, having ramifications far into the future.

One subject immediately brought to the front was the possible effect on Mr. Hoover's own political fortunes.

Mr. Hoover described the report as "a temperate and judicial presentation." He emphasized its recommendations for better enforcement, and said he hoped the law makers would give them consideration at an appropriate time.

"My own duty and that of all executive officials is clear," he said, "to enforce the law with all the means of our disposal without equivocation or reservation."

One outstanding commission proposal for immediate legislation was that the number of prohibition agents, now about 1400, should be doubled along with similar extensive increases of personnel charged with making the country dry.

Another was that the clauses restricting medical liquor be liberalized.

Big Eagle Brings Death to Airmen in Sky Collision

LAHORE, India, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Two military airmen were killed at Baisalpur today when their plane collided at a height of 500 feet with an eagle with wings reaching eight feet from tip to tip. One airman jumped but his parachute failed to open. The other was killed in the crash. The plane was bombing down from a formation flight when it struck the eagle at 500 feet and broke a wing.

GROWTH IN PROHIBITION FUND OF COUNTY

District Attorney's Report Shows \$4188 Turned Over to General Fund and \$2000 Retained in Reserve—Work Increases.

The annual report of the district attorney's office for 1930, recently completed, reveals that the county prohibition funds are in healthy condition and that in addition to \$2000 kept in the reserve fund for immediate needs, the sum of \$4188.55 has been turned over to the general fund of the county in 1929 and 1930. Two years ago there was a deficit.

The amount would have been larger, the district attorney's office explained today, but quite a number of liquor violators chose to serve out their fines in the county jail at the rate of 100 dollars per day. However, fines assessed on operators of bootlegging cars, seized by officers with cargoes of liquor meant for upstate consumption, paid cash fines and were soon on their way. Without money, local bootleggers could not pay fines.

More Liquor Cases. In 1930 the district attorney's office prosecuted 137 liquor cases compared to 123 for 1929. There was also a decided increase in the number of felonies for the past year before. These violations included principally car theft, grand larceny, burglary, check forgery and moonshine still and possession charges. During the year, two men were sentenced to the state penitentiary for long terms for bank robbery and another received a life sentence on a statutory charge.

The number of traffic violations decreased from 252 in 1929 to 229 in 1930. Game violations decreased from 22 to 54, but misdemeanors increased from 57 to 99. The total number of cases in 1930 increased to 694 compared to 650 the year before.

Flavor Medical Liquor. Another was that the clauses restricting medical liquor be liberalized.

A third contemplated action to define more clearly the legal status of home made wine.

Congressional leaders said immediate study would be given these proposals, but they could give no assurance of action before the adjournment on March 4.

Neither was there any indication at the White House that the president was considering calling an extra session for work on this legislation.

President Hoover, in transmitting the report, said: "The first deficiency appropriation act of March 4, 1929, carried an appropriation for a thorough investigation as to the enforcement of the prohibition laws, together with the enforcement of other laws."

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APPEAL FOR DROUGHT RELIEF



John Barton Payne, chairman of the Red Cross, and President Hoover posed for photographers at the White House after issuing appeal to American people to contribute \$10,000,000 for relief of destitute persons in drought areas.

HUNGRY HORDE AIR TRAVELERS RAIDS GROCERY OKLAHOMA CITY

Fifty Men Arrested—Women Also Take Hand in Disorder—Act Follows Demand for Food.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Jan. 20.—(AP)—Nearly a thousand unemployed men raided a grocery store within three blocks of the city hall here today and seized food. A hundred police and scores of other city and county officers took charge of the situation and made wholesale arrests.

The riot occurred after a delegation of men visited City Manager E. M. Fry at the city hall and demanded that he furnish food for the unemployed. Fry promised to aid the men but the raid occurred a few minutes later.

The disorder was quelled quickly by the officers but not until more than 50 men had been arrested. Seven or eight women participated in the raid.

A committee representing the "army of unemployed" recently visited Fry with demands that the city furnish sleeping quarters for men out of work by turning over vacant store buildings for their use.

They also demanded that jobs be furnished and declared that they were not looking for charity.

YOUNG COUPLE IN MYSTERY DEATH

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 20.—(AP)—An inquiry will be held today into the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Seidmeyer, whose bodies were found in Muddy river, 10 miles south of here, late yesterday. The young couple was last seen Saturday night after they put their 2-year old boy to bed and placed their car in the garage.

Why the couple went to the river is not known. Mrs. Seidmeyer's grandfather, with whom the couple lived, said they had quarreled recently.

State Extravagance Hit By Multnomah Senator In Committee Harangue

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 20.—(AP)—Facing the floor of the hearing room with his coat off, Senator W. P. Woodward of Multnomah county leveled sharp criticism at a number of state supported activities when the joint ways and means committee met last night for preliminary study of appropriation estimates totaling more than \$8,000,000 before the present legislative session.

PROSPERITY VISIONED BY STEEL CHIEF

Peak of Depression Passed Month Ago Says Farrell—Time Now for Loosening Up of Business—Opposed to Reductions.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The pendulum of industrial activity, in the belief of James A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel corporation, is swinging back to normal.

The broadshouldered, white-haired head of the two-billion-dollar steel concern expressed his opinion in an address on "Business" before the National Canners and National Wholesale Grocers.

Declaring that in his opinion the "peak of the depression passed 20 days ago," the speaker said the time has now come for "greater enterprises in trade—for loosening up business," adding that "we are quite capable of doing much more than was done in 1929." He opposed wage reductions.

Oppose Wage Cuts. "There are some," he said, "who urge a reduction in wages corresponding to the drop in prices. They affect to believe that such a limitation of labor would hasten a return to normal conditions."

"Apparently those who advocate this solution have not stopped to weigh the implications that, instead of tending to increase consumption of industrial and agricultural products, such wage reductions must inevitably reduce the purchasing power of the wage earner and restrict consumption."

"It is my deliberate judgment that a general reduction of wages in this country would set back the impending recovery by at least two years."

Careless Tariff Talk. There is much careless talk about high tariff walls," he said. "It has been ringing around the world, especially for the last few years, and most of it is aimed at the United States. It comes to our country in large volume from certain countries in which, as in ours, agriculture produces a surplus above their own needs. Why is it that such countries persist in their demand that we, who have a surplus of our own production, should add to that surplus by purchasing heavily of the same products from them? Their true problem is to sell their production in markets where it is needed for consumption, not in markets where such purchases only add to an already serious export problem."

SELLING PROVIDES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 20.—(AP)—Ben Selling, Portland pioneer and philanthropist, who died here January 15, provided in his will that a \$100,000 trust fund be established to aid needy and worthy students in obtaining an education.

Under the terms of the will, revealed today, the scholarship fund will be administered by a bank here as a perpetual trust. Loans will be available to students of any college, university or normal school of Oregon, or of any Rabbinical school in the country.

EPIDEMIC OF FLU SWEEPS OVER U. S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Influenza almost doubled last week in 19 states reporting to the public health service.

HOOVER TO DEDICATE MEMORIAL TO HARDING

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—President Hoover accepted an invitation today to dedicate the Harding memorial at Marion, Ohio, some time after May.

Mother Wins



Mrs. Marie Noel, Tulsa, Okla., with her daughter, Marian Maxine, 16 months old, who, a court decided, could not be held by a landlady as security for a \$46 lodging bill.

DELEGATION TO SEEK CLOSURE ROGUE TO NETS

Will Appear at Committee Hearing Wednesday in Salem—Attend Banquet Tonight.

A delegation from southern Oregon, representing the chambers of commerce of Medford, Grants Pass and Ashland, and other prominent organizations of the three cities, will appear before the committee hearings of the state senate and house of representatives on the Rogue river fishing bill, now before the state legislature, at the joint session in the state house tomorrow evening. Members of the delegation left on this morning's train for Salem.

They will also attend the joint meeting of the Marion County Isaac Walton League and the Marion County Game Protective association at the Marion hotel tonight.

Irving Vitnus, president of the state chamber of commerce, representing the Ashland chamber; O. O. Alenderfer, president of the Medford chamber of commerce; T. E. Daniels, prominent member of the Jackson County Game Protective association, left on the Shasta from Medford, and will be joined in Salem by Sidney Smith, E. E. Gaddis, E. W. Gould and P. C. Biggam of Medford; Dr. J. C. Smith, Frank Mashburn, George West, Joseph Wharton and Game Commissioner Wilfred Allen of Grants Pass.

Former State Representative William Briggs and Ralph Cogwell are already in Salem.

COPCO ARGUES AGAINST SALE KLAMATH SITE

Group Seeking to Get Into Power Business to Help Out in Financial Difficulties.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Contending the efforts of the Klamath irrigation district in Oregon to obtain passage of the McNary bill authorizing sale of the power site on the Klamath river to the district, in "an attempt by a group of individuals to supply power to themselves in competition with existing public utilities," representatives of the California Oregon Power company today continued their fight against the bill.

A hearing on the bill is being held before the senate public lands committee. The statement that the "group of individuals" is seeking control was made by E. L. Hanson, Washington, D. C., attorney representing the power company.

Hanson said the district does not need power for reclamation purposes and plans to go into the power business to help itself out of financial difficulties.

INTRODUCE NEW HYDRO BILLS SOON

Grange and Administration Measures Given Final Polishing Before Submission to Legislature—House Will Vote First.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 20.—(AP)—Still marking time waiting for the introduction of the administration measures and the grange power bill, the house and senate of the Oregon legislature held short sessions this morning, featured on the lack of major business. Several new bills were introduced in both houses, including the house bill providing for the appointment of the Port of Portland commission by the governor.

Within the next few hours attorneys who have assisted in the drafting of Governor Meier's power bills will give them a final scrutiny to check on legal and constitutional angles, and it is expected that the first of the main bills will be introduced tomorrow. Sponsors of the bills have decided, contrary to previous intention to introduce them in the house for the reason, presumably, that action can be expedited through the special utilities committee appointed by Speaker Lonergan.

Creates Commission. One of the measures creates a power commission of three members, composed of the state engineer and two members appointed by the governor, to serve without salary. The other bill would abolish the public service commission as it now exists and create a new commission of one member, chosen of the present judicial powers. The bill also provides for repeal of the law requiring a certificate of convenience and necessity to be obtained from the commission by utilities desiring to enter a field occupied by other utilities.

In the senate is a separate bill for repeal of the certificate of convenience and necessity act.

The grange bill, which is an enabling act to letter up the water and power utility district amendment adopted by the people at the November election, is almost in final form and probably will be introduced late today or tomorrow.

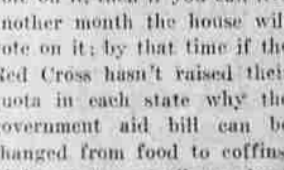
Would Name Bridge. Naming the state highway bridge across the Rogue river on the Roosevelt coast highway near Gold Beach the Isaac Lee Patterson bridge, to be so dedicated by appropriate ceremonies is suggested to the 36th legislative assembly by a concurrent resolution by Representatives Hamilton, Howard, Norton, Knapp and Senator Hill.

The selection of nine directors by appointment of the governor for the Port of Portland is provided in the bill introduced by Representatives Keasey, Gill, Lewis and Gordon and Senators Woodward, Bennett and Staples.

Dates of the closed fishing season in the Columbia river west of its confluence with the Deschutes would be changed by a bill introduced by Senator Francisco and Representatives Hellberg and Mark Johnson.

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Well you saw what happened yesterday in Washington; they put off even considering voting for government food relief till February 9. Now if you can live that long why the senate will vote on it, then if you can live another month the house will vote on it; by that time if the Red Cross hasn't raised their quota in each state why the government aid bill can be changed from food to coffins. Right on top of all our hard luck, Wickersham turned in his report, and that knocked 234 stenographers (who have been compiling it for three years) out of a job. And if congress reads it through, that means an extra session.



Will Rogers

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