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Complaining Is Waste. Oranges and Gold. Mr. Hoover, Dry Leader. Lady Shoots Lady.

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LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22.—This Pacific Coast goes along cheerfully, as well it may, with so many states in the Union, helping to build up population and prosperity here.

It's against the unwritten law in this neighborhood to complain, carry an umbrella or wear an overcoat. Besides this is a land of "everything can be done."

Mrs. Sandler, the potato chip queen, says:

"If easterners that complain about business would put into their business the energy used in complaining, they would not need to complain."

She fries 100 tons of potatoes in a month.

Nature recognizes no depression and this coast has gigantic crops. The "Sun-kist," co-operative organization of orange growers, will ship 70,000 cars this year, compared with 50,000 cars last year. Thirty-three years ago they shipped 1800 cars.

Tell your grocer he should sell his oranges cheaper this year. They cost him less at wholesale, and selling good oranges is public service.

There is still gold to be found, if you know where to look.

At Alamos, in the state of Sonora, where Governor Elias rules, an American, L. S. Patterson, bought an old mine from Felipe de Iza. After six months, discouraged, he sold the mine back to De Iza. The latter went to see what work Patterson had done, tapped a rock with a small hammer, uncovering a vein of gold now yielding \$2000 a ton. But don't let that persuade you to buy stock in a gold mine. When it runs \$2000 a ton they don't sell it.

President Hoover, as Mr. "C. H." of the San Bernardino Sun observes, is now in command and leader of prohibition in the United States.

In a few words the President said more about prohibition than the Wickersham commission said in 100,000 lines, and said it far more definitely.

He has made himself the leader of the dries in next year's presidential campaign, and if the dries have a majority, as this writer thinks they have,

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Abe Martin



Mrs. Lefe Bud has been a charmin' hostess for nearly three years, but she still holds a cigarette like it might go off. It's just about got so th' only safe way t' reach th' other side o' th' street is 'cross with a cow.

SOLON GET MEIER PLAN FOR POWER

Three Major Bills Provide Utilities Commission, Conservation and District Formation—Primary Date Change Advocated.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 23.—(P)—Another bill in line with Governor Meier's power program was introduced today by Senator Woodward of Multnomah county. It would exempt the city of Portland from the necessity of applying to the federal power commission for a license to go upon federal land when application is made to the state for water appropriation permits for power purposes.

If the power site is on federal land the law now requires that an application be made to the federal commission within six months after application for the state permit is filed with the state engineer. In his message to the senate yesterday the governor stated that about 90 per cent of the desirable power sites of the state are on federal land.

Would Change Primary

The Woodward bill applies to cities of 300,000 population or more. Senator Jennett of Multnomah county today introduced a bill to change the date of the Oregon primary election. For the year 1932 it would shift the primary from the third Friday to the second Tuesday in May. All primary elections thereafter would be held on the second Tuesday of September, beginning with the year 1934. Senator Bennett said that one purpose of the measure was to get away from the long campaign period which now extends from spring until the November election. Should the bill pass it would be necessary to enact another law providing for the election of delegates to the national party conventions. The delegates are now elected at the primary elections in presidential election years.

At 10:39 o'clock the senate adjourned until 11 o'clock Monday morning.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 23.—(P)—Two-thirds of the members of the legislature adjourned over the week-end, but the senate continued its session today to clear up its desks before beginning the final month's grind to bring out of the legislative mill such means as it sees fit to serve to the public in the form of statutes. Yesterday presented ample raw material to keep the wheels turning from now until the last night of the limited forty-day period.

The three major bills expected during the entire session were in the hopper, following their introduction yesterday in the house and senate, two of which carried special messages from the governor.

Meier Urges Adoption

The public utilities commission bill, and the hydro-electric and conservation measure, the important administration proposals, were accompanied by long messages from Governor Julius L. Meier in which he not only explained their purport and urged their adoption, but set forth reasons why they should be passed in the interests of "public promotion."

The third bill, known as the Grand District Power measure, was also introduced late in the day in the senate. The first of the trio provides for the abolishment of the public service commission, creation of a commissioner of public utilities,

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FIVE PORTLAND PEOPLE PERISH BY ACCIDENTS

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 23.—(P)—Five lives were taken by accidents in Portland last night and late yesterday. The dead: Mrs. Elizabeth Kelly, 48, from artery severed by a broken dish in her home. Mrs. Kelly was rushed to a hospital when found by her husband, (immediately after the accident, but loss of blood had been too great for her life to be saved.)

Parson Will Don Wrestling Tights to Aid Finances

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 23.—(P)—The Rev. Charles H. Urban is to be a professional wrestler as an avocation because a preacher doesn't get much money and what he makes on the side will keep him cheerful. He has signed a contract with a promoter. As a student at the University of Pennsylvania he was afraid to wrestle for fear of injuring opponents. He is in his thirtieth and the father of two children.

FRUIT MEN TALK NEEDS OF VALLEY

Annual Meeting of League Well Attended—Swett Cites Stabilization As Main Need in Industry—Quality, Size Paramount

Fruit men of the Rogue River valley—growers, shippers and packers, gathered at the Elks temple this afternoon at the annual meeting of the Fruitgrowers' league and to hear an address by Frank T. Sweet, president of the California Pear Growers' association, and recognized as an eminent authority on Pacific coast conditions.

It was the largest attended meeting of the fruit interests in many years and it was estimated that 90 per cent of the fruit industry of the valley was present.

Edward W. Carleton, president of the Fruitgrowers' league, presided.

Stabilization of the pear industry was the main theme of Swett's talk, and he discussed several tentative plans toward that end. He said that none of the plans discussed had proven satisfactory to both growers and shippers.

Quality Paramount

However, he declared, it was generally agreed that it was "insanity" in a year of a big crop to ship undersized or defective pears, and that it was also the consensus of conservative opinion, regardless of any formal agreement, that quality and size of pears, both for eastern shipments and canneries, must be improved.

Sweet gave figures to show the financial state of the fruit industry in California. He has recently spoken at 14 meetings of growers in California. He described conditions in California last year and said that for the first time in 15 years orchards there had as a whole failed to pay expenses. He said that, although the Bartlett crop of the Pacific coast was not greatly in excess of 1929, the loss of buying power by the people of the United States and Europe caused the net prices to growers to be only \$29 a ton, a drop of \$16 per ton from the previous year.

Stump Disastrous

Sweet declared the growers could break even at \$36 per ton, but that the slump was disastrous last year as eastern prices sagged. Added to this was the ravages of the blight in many districts of California, which brought extra expenses. Sweet estimated that about 2000 acres of pears in the Sacramento valley are being removed. He forecasted that the Bartlett production in the early districts might show a decrease in the future, but there might also be an increase in late Bartletts which would bring an increasingly difficult surplus to handle from August 1 to September 1. Relative to the canners, Sweet said they are having trouble disposing of their output, and it is doubtful if they break even. He estimated the average per ton for canning Bartletts at \$27. He said the canners may be still more conservative in 1931, in the event of a big crop, and the continuation of depressed conditions. He said that canned pears can now be bought at 20 to 25 cents per can—the lowest price in 15 years, and that low prices may clean up the entire pack before the 1931 pears are ready.

SENATE TO TEST NOMINATION VOTE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(P)—The senate today recommitted to its interstate commerce committee the nominations of three members of the power commission with President Hoover refused to return. The senate action opened the way for a court test of their right to office.

RED CROSS SENDS DROUGHT AID



While Red Cross leaders are pushing a drive for \$10,000,000 for drought relief, workers at the organization are sending aid to stricken areas. Here (left to right) Mary Tossman, Laura Di Zerega and Flora Lawison are shown packing clothing at Washington.

G.O.P. CAMPAIGN PORTLAND PAIR LEADER FACING ENTER PLEAS IN PERJURY TRIAL MURDER CASE

Maneuver Against Sen. Norris Involving Broken Bow, Neb., Grocer By Same Name Is Basis.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 23.—(P)—Victor Seymour, former manager of the western headquarters of the republican national senatorial campaign committee at Denver, today was charged with perjury in an indictment returned here by a federal grand jury.

Geo. W. Norris, Broken Bow, Neb., grocer, who attempted to oppose United States Senator Geo. W. Norris in the republican primary in his race for re-election last year, also was indicted on a perjury charge.

The indictments resulted from testimony given by the two men before the United States senate campaign fund investigating committee here last fall.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(P)—More indictments from the grand jury investigation in Nebraska into the activities of republican leaders were predicted today by Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, when informed of the indictment of Victor Seymour for perjury.

EASTERN OREGON WARMED BY WIND

LA GRANDE, Ore., Jan. 23.—(P)—Snow here and in nearby mountains disappeared rapidly yesterday and last night before warm chinook winds. Last night's minimum temperature was 34 above and the thermometer had risen to 41 at 7:30 a. m. today.

BAKIER, Ore., Jan. 23.—(P)—Heavy rain this morning on top of yesterday's three-inch snow fall brought a silver thaw down on this district.

Robbers Busy

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 23.—(P)—Two armed hold-ups here last night netted two robbers \$140. The Radio Cafe bill was looted of \$120 by one hold-up man. The other victim was Elbert Merry, streetcar conductor, whose only passenger took \$12 from him.

Rudy Vallee Target For Over-Ripe Grapefruit In Final Boston Appearance

BOSTON, Jan. 23.—(P)—Rudy Vallee, crooning idol of thousands of radio listeners, was greeted with two over-ripe grapefruit during a performance at the Metropolitan theatre last night. It was the final performance of the opening day of a week's engagement and Rudy was in the midst of one of his characteristic melodies. Without warning, the fruit came hurtling down from the balcony. Neither of the grapefruit struck the singing minstrel, but one did strike the drummer's symbols and the other splattered over the stage props.

WARRANT IS REQUIRED IN DRY SEARCH

U. S. District Attorney of California Says Wine May Be Made in Home and Served to Guests—Agents Barred By Law.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 23.—(P)—"Hatfield's interpretation of the Volstead act is correct," said United States Attorney George Newer here today. "Federal agents are not permitted to enter private homes without search warrants based on evidence of liquor sales."

But, whether it is illegal or legal according to the federal law, Oregon has a state enforcing act, making it illegal to have possession of liquor in the home. I would hate to have citizens here get the wrong impression of this matter, though I do not claim to be an authority under the state law."

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—(P)—So long as wine is served only to members of the family and bona fide guests, United States District Attorney George Hatfield said today, anyone may legally make and keep wine in his home, regardless of the alcoholic content.

Unless a sale can be proven, the government is barred from seizing liquor in the home by section 23 of the Volstead act, the attorney said.

Agents Barred

The section, he said, permits possession of liquor in the home so long as it is for consumption of the possessor, his family or bona fide guests. It places the burden of proof on the possessor, but inasmuch as an affidavit of sale is necessary before a search warrant can be issued, Hatfield said, a government agent cannot enter the home to make a search.

His opinion was expressed in commenting upon the recent ruling of Guard C. Darrah, San Joaquin county district attorney, that possession of home made wine with an alcoholic content of less than 15.12 per cent was legal.

Act Is Quoted

"Section 29 of the national prohibition act permits manufacture of cider and fruit juices for use exclusively in the home," Hatfield said. "The section says that penalties provided by other sections of the act are not applicable to manufacture of non-intoxicating juices so manufactured."

Darrah says, and I think quite properly, that the manufacture of such beverages which are non-intoxicating in fact, is legal even though the juices contain more than one-half of one per cent alcohol."

ENABLE ROSEBURG DONATE VET SITE

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 23.—(P)—When General George W. Wood of the United States army visits Roseburg next Monday he will find that city fully prepared by a new law and donate it to the federal government as the site of a national soldiers' home.

Governor Meier today informed the senate that he had signed Senator Eddy's bill which authorizes cities to acquire by condemnation or otherwise land, either within or without the city boundaries to be donated for that purpose.

FLU EPIDEMIC IN U. S. MINOR AFFAIR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(P)—An estimate of more than 19,000 influenza cases in the United States was made by public health officials today, on the basis of reports showing 3867 recorded for the week ending Jan. 17.

There is an outbreak in Europe as well. Surgeon General Cummings said: "It has abated in Poland and France, but still is extensive in Germany, England and Spain. The prevalence here is above the normal curve for the season—but not nearly so widespread as in 1924-1925."

First Meeting in Rumanian Village Frighten Natives

GEORGETESTI, Rumania, Jan. 23.—(P)—The town's first movie house opened, pairs because of a very thrilling inaugural picture. Peasants who had never seen a movie before were alarmed when a locomotive on the screen appeared to be heading right at them. They rushed for the doors. Twelve persons were hurt. There was a wreck—the interior of the theater.

FISH HEARING SATISFACTORY TO DELEGATES

Sportsmen Return With Optimistic Report On Salem Session—Result Far in Future.

The southern Oregon delegation returned yesterday from Salem well satisfied with the discussion of the Rogue river fishing bill conducted at the joint hearing of the house and senate, in which several members of the delegation participated.

No definite results of the hearing, however, could be realized, members of the Rogue river committee stated this morning, as the legislature is at the present "just making time." Much evidence was introduced by both sides at the hearing and many subjects left unsettled because of lack of time for complete discussion.

An interesting feature of the argument offered by the Gold Beach delegation, led by Macleay, was the list of business houses quoted as protesting the closing of the Rogue. For in the list, members of the Rogue river committee state, were the names of several men, who have contributed funds to the campaign for closing the river. The committee members believe that the names were secured through fear, rather than a sincere desire to oppose the measure.

News Item Explained

Articles dealing with isolated cases of fish loss in the upper Rogue River valley through irrigation ditches, which were published by the southern Oregon press, were read by the opposition. Members of the local delegation then explained that the articles were of no consequence in relation to loss of fish life, in that fish are seldom lost in this way.

The number of salmon that passed over the Savage Rapids dam last spring was dwelt upon to great extent by Macleay, who told the committee that one half the fish passing over the dam were females, who would replenish the stream with a tremendous number of salmon.

Argument Falls

This argument, the local delegation stated, was destroyed by E. E. Daniels, who cited authorities of the United States bureau of fisheries to prove that in a salmon run there is seldom more than one female to six fish.

Prof. Irving Vining closed the rebuttal for the Rogue River committee and his talk was followed by great applause from the 300 people, who attended the hearing.

The senate chamber was filled to capacity for the hearing and the crowd remained until the close of all arguments. At the close of the meeting members of the Gold Beach delegation shook hands with the Rogue river committee and specially thanked Prof. Vining and the chairman of the committee for their friendly way in which the hearing was conducted.

CHARGE PRIEST WITH WRECKING FARMERS HOME

OSBORNE, Kas., Jan. 23.—(P)—The Rev. John Taylor, Catholic priest here for the past three years was to be arraigned here late today on charges growing out of his alleged attentions toward Mrs. Helen Abrel, wife of a prosperous Osborne county farmer.

NOTED ONES VOICE PLEA FOR HUNGRY

Hoover Leads Red Cross Program National Hook-up for Aid in Drought—Coolidge and Al Smith in Call to People.

Inspired by the radio program in which President Hoover, ex-President Coolidge, former democratic candidate Al Smith and Will Rogers, famous actor and comedian, along with other nationally known figures urged contributions to the Red Cross drought fund, members of the Elks lodge raised a sum of \$50 at the fireside of the Elks temple last night.

Following the radio program the hat was passed through the fireside circle and was emptied a few minutes later of \$50, which will be donated to Medford's quota for drought relief.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—(P)—A Red Cross plea for \$10,000,000 to aid drought sufferers in 21 states—led by President Hoover in a remarkable coast-to-coast radio broadcast last night—lay on the heart of the nation today.

On a program picked up from four widely separated cities, former President Calvin Coolidge and Alfred E. Smith, democratic candidate for president in 1928, supplemented Mr. Hoover in urging that "in the face of calamity let us unite in a common effort to drive suffering and want from our country."

John Barton Payne, chairman of the Red Cross, Mrs. August Belmont, Mary Pickford and Will Rogers emphasized the need for speedy relief.

"Concern of All

"Disaster to any section of the country should be the concern of us all," Mr. Smith said. "President Hoover and Mr. Payne spoke from Washington. Mr. Coolidge from his home at Northampton, Mass. Mr. Smith, Mrs. Belmont and Miss Pickford from New York, and Will Rogers from Little Rock, Ark., a stopover point on his airplane tour of the south in quest of funds. The addresses were transmitted by the National Broadcasting company.

Appeal to Heart

The president said: "It is unthinkable that any of our people should be allowed to suffer from hunger or want. The heart of the nation will not permit it. It is to the heart of the nation that I am appealing tonight. I urge all of my countrymen to contribute promptly and in accordance with their means. It is a call for protection to our generosity in time of trial, but it is a call for protection to our greatest institution of charity and above all on behalf of those in need."

No Time for Excuses

Mr. Coolidge said: "This is not a time when excuses can take the place of money. Everyone knows trade is depressed. Losses have been met and some incomes have been reduced. We all have the demands of local charity. But the suffering for

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WILL ROGERS SAYS:

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 23.—This guy Hawks is so used to going so fast in his single-seated racing plane that when we kinder slowed up to 150 miles an hour, in Secretary Inghalls' best two-seated plane in America, why he started to get out and walk. I came by here on my way to Texas, because I wanted to see just how things are out in the plantation country. Going out among it today. The relief men here say that the need is great. The city of Little Rock is fine. It's not cities; it's poor share croppers on cotton that's hurt worst. But here is the great thing about this state. Where they have been hit hardest they are going to make their Red Cross quota, and help to help themselves. If they can do it, no other state or city can possibly have an alibi.

Will Rogers